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The Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton wasn't looking all that wintry on Wednesday, a familiar sight around New England, and more rain is on the way Thursday.

THE OH-SO DEAD OF WINTER

No one can handle the season like we can (just ask us) — so when is it actually coming?

By Billy Baker
GLOBE STAFF

A new study has found that winters in New England have warmed dramatically in the past 50 years, led by Burlington, Vt., which is tops in the nation with a 7.1-degree jump in average temperature.

This is important news because it means Vermont leads the nation in something. But it is also tragic because it limits their favorite wintertime activity, which is to yell at people from Massachusetts for not having snow tires.

Concord, N.H. (6 degrees), and Portland, Maine (5 degrees), have also seen a drastic rise in temperature and decline in opportunities to say, "You drove up here in that?"

Across New England, our very identity is at stake, for these warming trends are depriving us of our ability to perform our favorite winter pastime, which is declaring that the other idiot is doing it wrong.

What kind of parent will I be if I don't greet a shivering child at the door with a nice warm cup of "there is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothing"?

What kind of Masshole will I be if I don't get to complain about the people who complain about the weather. Not to brag,

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	Dec. 21, 2022-Jan. 19, 2023	Dec. 21, 2017-Jan. 19, 2018
Warmest day	63° Dec. 30	61° Jan. 13
Number of days 45° or higher	14	3
Today's forecast	High 40° Low 36°	Five years ago today 34° High 23° Low
Coldest day	11° Dec. 24	-2° Jan. 7

SOURCE: ACCUWEATHER

Wu floats proposal for rent control

In preliminary version, increases capped at 10%

By Catherine Carlock and Emma Platoff
GLOBE STAFF

In a bid to bring rent control back to Boston for the first time in three decades, Mayor Michelle Wu is readying a proposal that would limit allowable rent increases to 10 percent per year.

The plan, which was floated Tuesday to an advisory committee of tenant advocates, developers, and housing experts, is a long way from becoming reality; it would need approval from both the City Council and lawmakers on Beacon Hill. But it outlines one way Wu aims to address the city's housing crisis and fulfill a major pitch of her mayoral campaign.

Wu's approach is modeled on versions of rent control that have recently taken effect in Oregon and California, tying allowable rent hikes to inflation. In this case, it would allow annual increases up to 6 percent higher than the federal government's Consumer Price Index. In a typical year, with 2 percent inflation, landlords could increase rent by up to 8 percent. In high inflation years, like 2022, the measure would never allow increases of more than 10 percent.

It would exempt new buildings for the first 15 years after they open, as well as small owner-oc-

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Gun dealer at mill tied to city shooting

Allegedly sold weapons to buyer acting for 20-year-old

By Sarah Ryley
GLOBE STAFF

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday charged a gun dealer who operated out of a ramshackle old mill in Littleton with conspiring to sell three Glock handguns to a straw buyer that were later recovered during the investigation of a shooting in Boston that left three people wounded.

Prosecutors say Cory Daigle, 28, operating as Steelworks Defense Solutions, sold the three pistols to the straw buyer on Oct. 27 while knowing the weapons were actually going to an underage person. Less than two weeks later, the intended buyer of the guns, 20-year-old Gustavo Rodriguez, turned up at a hospital, apparently wounded during a shooting that night in Hyde Park, according to court filings.

The charges against Daigle, Rodriguez, and the alleged straw buyer, Shakim Grant, publicly connect a vendor at the controversial gun emporium in Littleton to street crime in Boston, more than 30 miles away, for the first time. The charges also undermine claims by some gun rights advocates that licensed gun dealers are not a major source of guns used in street crime.

Daigle is among roughly 80 vendors at the mill building who hold federal licenses to manufacture and sell firearms, the largest cluster of gun

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In alleged online searches, a focus on a body

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Brian Walshe pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and disinterring a body.

Prosecutors say Walshe's queries went on for days

By Travis Andersen, John Hilliard, and Emily Sweeney
GLOBE STAFF

QUINCY — Brian R. Walshe's grim searches online allegedly began just hours after he and his wife, Ana, celebrated the new year with a mutual friend in the couple's Cohasset home.

Not five hours into 2023, Norfolk prosecutors said, Walshe grabbed his little boy's iPad, and asked Google two disturbing questions: "How long before a body starts to smell" and "How to stop a body from decomposing."

Norfolk First Assistant District Attorney Lynn Beland laid out the allegations against Walshe in Quincy District Court, where he was arraigned Wednesday on charges of murder and disinterring a body. He pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail.

Walshe's online queries about disposing a body and cleaning up its remains continued, off and on, over the next few days, she said, while Ana Walshe's colleagues in Washington, D.C., grew worried when she was a no-show for work on Jan. 3, and contacted Cohasset police.

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Drenched, back

Thursday: Rain toward evening. High 39-44. Low 34-39.

Friday: A bit of snow. High 37-42. Low 28-33.

High tide: 8:20 a.m., 9:05 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:09 Sunset: 4:41

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Electric bills have skyrocketed this winter, and Massachusetts residents are feeling the impact of factors such as inflation and the war in Ukraine. **D1.**

Boston Public Schools should consider forming an internal police department that would bring officers back, an outside consultant recommended. **B1.**

A helicopter carrying Ukraine's interior minister crashed into a kindergarten, killing him and a dozen other people. **A3.**

An attorney for Derek Chauvin asked an appeals court to throw out his convictions in the murder of George Floyd, arguing he didn't get a fair trial. **A2.**

Chris Ford, a Celtics player and coach who made the first three-pointer in NBA history, died at the age of 74. **C1.**

PAC e-mails may point to violation by state GOP chair

By Emma Platoff
GLOBE STAFF

Embattled Massachusetts Republican Party chairman Jim Lyons appears to have communicated directly with an outside political action committee about digging up dirt on Governor Maura Healey during last year's election, according to e-mails obtained by the Globe.

The surfacing of the e-mails follows accusations levied by the state GOP's treasurer, who last week told party officials that he believed the coordination between the chairman and the PAC violated state campaign finance laws and that he would report the matter to state regulators.

The treasurer, Pat Crowley, has previously clashed with Lyons over state party finances.

The e-mails reveal that Lyons sent multiple messages last fall to Antoine Nader, chairman of the Mass Freedom Independent Expenditure PAC, referring to opposition research Lyons had solicited on Healey during her bid for governor. The Globe obtained copies of the e-mails from a trove of documents that were sent Wednesday afternoon to members of the Republican State Committee.

State law prohibits independent expenditure PACs, which can accept donations of

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A MASS. MILESTONE

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Andrea Campbell made history Wednesday as she was sworn in as attorney general, becoming the state's first Black woman to serve in the role and the first woman of color to hold statewide office. **B1.**

VISIT…

The Nation

Court asked to void Chauvin verdict

Lawyer says ex-cop didn't get fair trial

By Steve Karnowski
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — An attorney for Derek Chauvin asked an appeals court Wednesday to throw out the former Minneapolis police officer's convictions in the murder of George Floyd, arguing that legal and procedural errors deprived him of a fair trial.

Floyd died on May 25, 2020, after Chauvin, who is white, pinned the Black man to the ground with his knee on his neck for 9 1/2 minutes. A bystander video captured Floyd's fading cries of "I can't breathe." Floyd's death touched off protests around the world and forced a national reckoning with police brutality and racism.

Chauvin's attorney, William Mohrman, told a three-judge panel of the Minnesota Court of Appeals that the trial judge should have moved the case out of Minneapolis because of extensive pretrial publicity and unprecedented security precautions because of protest fears.

"The primary issue on this appeal is whether a criminal defendant can get a fair trial consistent with constitutional requirements in a courthouse surrounded by concrete block, barbed wire, two armored personnel carriers, and a squad of National Guard troops, all of which or whom are there for one purpose: in the event that the jury acquits the defendant," Mohrman said.

But Neal Katyal, a special attorney for the state, said Chauvin got "one of the most transparent and thorough trials in our nation's history. ... Chauvin's many arguments before this court do not come close to justifying reversal."

Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill sentenced Chauvin to 22 1/2 years after jurors found him guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. Chauvin later pleaded guilty to a separate federal civil rights charge and was sentenced to 21 years in federal prison, which he is now serving in Arizona concurrent with his state sentence.

"Judge Cahill managed this trial with enormous care, and even if Chauvin could identify some minor fault, any error is harmless," Katyal said. "The evidence of Chauvin's guilt was captured on video for the world to see."

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A lawyer for Derek Chauvin said the case should have been moved from Minneapolis because of publicity.

Appeals Judge Peter Reyes said Wednesday that the court would rule within 90 days. Chauvin did not attend the oral arguments, but Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who assembled the prosecution team, sat in the front row.

Even if Chauvin wins his appeal, his federal sentence will keep him in prison longer than his state sentence likely would because he would qualify for parole earlier in the state system.

Mike Brandt, a Minneapolis defense attorney who has been following the cases arising from Floyd's murder, said a victory at appeal "would be functionally meaningless" and that Chauvin's time in prison is "pretty well locked in stone" given his federal sentence.

Mohrman often pursues conservative causes, including challenges to President Biden's election victory and COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Mohrman argued in his brief that the pretrial publicity was more extensive that any other trial in Minnesota history, and that the judge should have moved the trial and sequestered the jury.

Mohrman wrote that the publicity and the riots, the city's $27 million settlement with Floyd's family announced during jury selection, the unrest over a police killing in a Minneapolis suburb during jury selection, and the sealing off of the courthouse, were just some of the factors prejudicing Chauvin's chance of a fair trial.

Much of the questioning Wednesday centered on one juror who participated in a civil rights event commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington a few months after Floyd's death. Only after the trial did the juror reveal that he had been there.

He was questioned during jury selection about whether he had participated in any demonstrations or marches "in Minneapolis" against police brutality after Floyd's death. But Chauvin's original attorney, Eric Nelson, did not ask whether he had participated in any marches elsewhere.

Mohrman argued that Cahill should have held a hearing after the revelation to determine whether the juror's nondisclosure constituted misconduct.

US to probe nursing homes

Antipsychotic drugs a focus

By Amanda Seitz
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WASHINGTON — The federal government says it will begin a targeted crackdown on nursing homes' abuse of antipsychotic drugs and misdiagnoses of schizophrenia in patients.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is launching investigations this month into select nursing homes, aimed at verifying whether patients have been properly diagnosed with the psychiatric disorder.

Evidence has mounted over decades that some facilities wrongly diagnose residents with schizophrenia or administer antipsychotic drugs to sedate them, despite dangerous side effects that could include death, according to the agency.

"No nursing home resident should be improperly diagnosed with schizophrenia or given an inappropriate antipsychotic," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a statement Wednesday. "The steps we are taking today will help prevent these errors and give families peace of mind."

Some facilities may be dodging increased scrutiny around gratuitous use of antipsychotic medications by coding residents as having schizophrenia, even when they do not show signs of the extremely rare disorder, a government report last year found. Less than 1 percent of the population is believed to have schizophrenia, which is marked by delusions, hallucinations, and disordered thinking.

In 2012, the federal government began tracking when nursing homes use antipsychotics on residents — doing so can impact the facility's quality rating in a public database — but only for those who have not been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Antipsychotics for those nursing home residents has dropped to under 20 percent in recent years, according to federal data.

A November report from the HHS Office of the Inspector General, however, revealed that the number of residents reported as having schizophrenia without a corresponding diagnosis skyrocketed between 2015 and 2019, with 99 nursing homes in the country reporting that 20 percent or more of their residents have the disorder.

"The number of unsupported schizophrenia diagnoses increased and in 2019 was concentrated in relatively few nursing homes," the report concluded.

Nursing homes have worked on other ways to treat residents, especially those with dementia, and trained staff to use alternative methods, said Katie Smith Sloan, CEO of LeadingAge, an association of nonprofit aging service providers.

"Much has been achieved since the program's start in 2012, and nursing homes deserve a lot of the credit for the progress," she said in a statement.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will start targeted audits to ask nursing homes for documentation of the diagnoses in the coming days, focusing on nursing homes with existing residents who have been recorded as having schizophrenia.

The rating scores for nursing homes that have a pattern of inaccurately coding residents as having schizophrenia will be negatively affected, CMS said in a statement released Wednesday, stopping short of threatening to levy fines against facilities.

Dinging nursing homes' public ratings will be effective in some cases, said Dr. Shekinah Fashaw-Walters, a researcher at the University of Minnesota who has found that schizophrenia diagnoses have risen in Black nursing home patients.

Daily Briefing

Felony charges for Ind. father of boy with gun

INDIANAPOLIS — The father of a 4-year-old boy seen last weekend pointing a loaded handgun at people outside their Indiana apartment now faces felony charges.

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office said Wednesday that the 45-year-old man was charged Tuesday with two counts of neglect of a dependent and one count of dangerous control of a firearm. He is scheduled to appear in court Thursday for an initial hearing.

Court documents say the man, a convicted felon out on bail in a pending domestic battery case, had an unsecured and loaded firearm in his residence. The documents add that the man "poses a direct threat to the welfare of his child, and his neighbors and their children, through his neglectful and careless actions."

According to a probable cause affidavit filed with the charges, the boy was in his father's care while the mother was living elsewhere. Officers were called Saturday evening to an apartment complex in the Indianapolis suburb of Beech Grove about a young boy who "had a chrome handgun and was pointing it at people."

The man told officers he had been ill and did not know that his son had left the apartment. He also said there was no firearm in the apartment and his son did not have a toy gun. The man helped officers with a "cursory search" of the apartment, and no firearm was found, authorities said.

As officers were leaving the apartment, a neighbor played them security camera video that showed the boy walking around the apartment building with a silver and black handgun, the affidavit said.

When the officers told the man about the video, he told them that while he did not have a gun, a relative may have left one in the apartment. Authorities did not find the gun until an officer asked the child where he put the gun, the affidavit said.

The child then walked to a roll-top desk and motioned toward it. The officer opened the desk and found the gun, the affidavit said.

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A FIRST FOR MARYLAND — Maryland Governor Wes Moore celebrated alongside his family Wednesday in Annapolis after being sworn in as the state's first Black governor. In his inaugural address, Moore promised to address longstanding inequities in the state while growing the economy and blunting climate change.

Columbia names first female president

Nemat Shafik, an Egyptian-born economist, will become the next president of Columbia University and the first woman to hold the position since its founding in the 18th century.

On Wednesday, Columbia announced that Shafik will assume the presidency on July 1, succeeding the retiring Lee C. Bollinger. Shafik is now president and vice chancellor of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

In a letter to the university community, Jonathan Lavine, chair of Columbia's board of trustees, called Shafik "the perfect candidate: a brilliant and able global leader, a community builder, and a preeminent economist who understands the academy and the world beyond it."

When Shafik takes office, she will be the first new president in more than 20 years at the private university in New York. Columbia has more than 33,000 students, including about 8,800 undergraduates.

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Shafik left the country with her family when she was 4 years old. She attended schools in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina and earned a bachelor's degree in economics and politics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

She holds a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a doctorate in economics from Oxford University.

WASHINGTON POST

Suspect in Minn. shooting arrested in Ga.

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — A suspect wanted in connection with a fatal shooting at the Mall of America in December was arrested in Georgia on Tuesday, police said.

Bloomington, Minn., Police Chief Booker Hodges said at a news conference Tuesday that the 17-year-old suspect was taken into custody in Decatur, Ga., by federal and state law enforcement officials. The suspect faces charges of second-degree murder and second-degree assault. The Associated Press typically does not name juvenile criminal defendants.

Johntae Hudson, 19, was killed in a Dec. 23 shooting at the Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping center located in Bloomington.

Hudson, who was shot eight times, died at the scene despite the efforts of witnesses, mall security guards, and first responders who tried to save him.

The suspect arrested Tuesday was one of four suspects charged by Minnesota prosecutors in December. They include two other 17-year-olds and 18-year-old Taeshawn Adams Wright. Wright faces counts of second-degree murder and second-degree assault. The two 17-year-olds have been charged with second-degree riot while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Hodges said police on Tuesday also arrested the teenage suspect's mother in Golden Valley, Minn. She was charged with aiding and abetting the suspect for allegedly driving him to Georgia.

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University of Texas bans TikTok from its networks

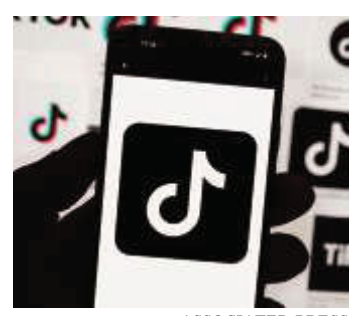
The University of Texas at Austin said it has blocked the social media app TikTok from its networks and is in the process of removing the app from university-issued devices because of digital security concerns.

Jeff Neyland, adviser to the university's president for technology strategy, said in an e-mail to students that the university was taking the steps to comply with Governor Greg Abbott's directive banning the use of TikTok, which is owned by Chinese tech giant ByteDance, on any government-issued devices.

"The university is taking these important steps to eliminate risks to information contained in the university's network and to our critical infrastructure," Neyland wrote.

The University of Texas is one of several campuses across the country that have restricted TikTok use; in late December, the app was also banned from all devices managed by the US House of Representatives, and several states have additionally banned it from government-issued devices.

WASHINGTON POST



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TikTok harvests users' data and offers the information to the Chinese government.

The World

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DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE — A man pushed a child riding on a suitcase at Beijing West Railway Station on Wednesday. A population that has crested and is slowly shrinking will pose new challenges for China's leaders. **A4.**

Ukraine helicopter crash kills at least 14

Interior minister and one child among the dead

By Andrew E. Kramer and Megan Specia
NEW YORK TIMES

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Mourners placed flowers at a makeshift memorial as emergency workers responded to a helicopter crash on Wednesday in Brovary, Ukraine.

BROVARY, Ukraine — A helicopter carrying top Ukrainian officials crashed in a fireball Wednesday in a Kyiv suburb, killing a senior member of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Cabinet and more than a dozen other people, and dealing a blow to Ukraine's wartime leadership.

The interior minister, Denys Monastyrsky, a trusted Zelenskyy adviser who entered the government with the president in 2019, died in the crash, along with his top deputy. Their deaths leave a vacuum atop the ministry in charge of domestic security, responsible for overseeing the country's police, its national guard, and border patrol units.

Zelenskyy called the crash, which occurred near a kindergarten, a "terrible tragedy" and linked the incident directly to Russia's invasion of his country.

Whether the deadly crash was accidental or not, "every death is the result of war," he said in a passionate address, delivered by video link to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, as he urged Western allies to move more quickly to provide support to Ukraine.

The cause of the crash was not immediately clear, but there was no initial information that the helicopter had been shot down. Ukrainian investigators said they are looking into mechanical failure, pilot error, or sabotage as potential causes.

The government provided conflicting accounts of the death toll during the day, but late Wednesday Ukraine's State Emergency Service said that 14 people, including a child, had died. Nine of them were in the helicopter, officials said. The service added that 25 people were being treated at a hospital, including 11 children.

The crash created a scene of chaos and horror at the kindergarten. The aircraft plunged to the ground just after 8 a.m., as parents were dropping off their children.

Smoke billowed from the charred rotors and other burning debris that was scattered near a playground. Part of the kindergarten was on fire. Mothers stumbled over broken glass, yelling the names of their children.

"There was a lot of panic," said Anna Mayboroda, 37, who safely retrieved her 3-year-old amid the mayhem. "I started to yell the name of my daughter, too, because I didn't know where she was."

The episode was just the latest in a long string of tragedies for a weary country, coming just four days after a Russian missile slammed into an apartment building in the eastern city of Dnieper, killing 45 people in one of the deadliest attacks on civilians of the war.

Monastyrsky is the highest-ranking government official to die since Russia's invasion began last February. He and other members of Zelenskyy's brain trust had held together from the early days of the war. They had survived the initial assault on the capital, Kyiv, and what Ukrainian officials have said were Russian assassination plots, as well as multiple trips to front lines despite fierce fighting.

Monastyrsky, like Zelenskyy, took office pledging to root out the corruption that had long bedeviled Ukraine's government, in particular the interior ministry's history of operating as a separate political fief.

President Biden, in a message of condolences to the families of those who were killed, cited those efforts, saying that Monastyrsky and his team were engaged in "the vital work of reforms to strengthen Ukraine's institutions through this war and into the future."

"The United States stands with the people of Ukraine in the face of this tragedy, and for as long as it takes," Biden said in a statement released by the White House.

US warms to idea of helping Kyiv target Crimea

Russia uses peninsula as base for strikes

By Helene Cooper, Eric Schmitt, and Julian E. Barnes
NEW YORK TIMES

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People gathered for a pro-Russian rally in Yevpatoriya, Crimea, shortly before Crimea was annexed by Russia.

WASHINGTON — For years, the United States has insisted that Crimea is still part of Ukraine. Yet the Biden administration has held to a hard line since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, refusing to provide Ukraine with the weapons it needs to target the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia has been using as a base for launching devastating strikes.

Now that line is starting to soften.

After months of discussions with Ukrainian officials, the Biden administration is finally starting to concede that Ukraine may need the power to strike the Russian sanctuary, even if such a move increases the risk of escalation, according to several US officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive debate. Crimea, between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, is home to tens of thousands of dug-in Russian troops and numerous Russian military bases.

The moderation in position has come about as the Biden administration has come to believe that if the Ukrainian military can show Russia that its control of Crimea can be threatened, that would strengthen Ukraine's position in any future negotiations. In addition, fears that the Kremlin would retaliate using a tactical nuclear weapon have dimmed, US officials and experts said — although they cautioned that the risk remained.

The new thinking on Crimea — annexed illegally by Russia in 2014 — shows how far Biden administration officials have come from the start of the war, when they were wary of even acknowledging publicly that the United States was providing Stinger antiaircraft missiles for Ukrainian troops.

But over the course of the conflict, the United States and its NATO allies have been steadily loosening the handcuffs they put on themselves, moving from providing Javelins and Stingers to advanced missile systems, Patriot air defense systems, armored fighting vehicles, and even some Western tanks to give Ukraine the capacity to strike against Russia's onslaught.

Now the Biden administration is considering what would be one of its boldest moves yet, helping Ukraine to attack the peninsula that President Vladimir Putin of Russia views as an integral part of his quest to restore past Russian glory.

US officials are discussing with their Ukrainian counterparts the use of US-supplied weapons, from HIMARS rocket systems to Bradley Fighting Vehicles, to possibly target Putin's hard-fought control over a land bridge that functions as a critical supply route connecting Crimea to Russia via the Russian-occupied cities of Melitopol and Mariupol.

However, President Biden is not yet ready to give Ukraine the long-range missile systems that it would need to attack Russian installations on the peninsula.

Ukrainian officials have long insisted that Crimea is an important target for their attacks and that continuing military pressure on Russian bases there is a significant part of their strategy. Ukrainian military officials have also discussed with US officials the importance of increasing pressure on Russia's rear echelon in Crimea, which supports military operations elsewhere in Ukraine.

With the Black Sea fleet, a major Russian air base, command posts, and logistics hubs supporting Russian operations in southern Ukraine, the peninsula represents a major focus in Ukraine's battle plans.

DAILY BRIEFING

Church of England will not officiate same-sex weddings

LONDON — The Church of England announced Wednesday that it will not allow same-sex couples to marry in its churches, and that its teachings that marriage is between "one man and one woman for life" would not change.

Same-sex couples, however, are welcome to come to the church to have their civil partnerships blessed, the church said in a statement that followed six years of debate.

"Under the proposals, same-sex couples would still not be able to get married in a Church of England church," the statement said. "The formal teaching of the Church of England as set out in the canons and authorised liturgies — that Holy Matrimony is between one man and one woman for life — would not change."

The plans were outlined in a report for the General Synod, which will meet in London next month to debate the proposals. But the ban on same-sex marriage will not be put to a vote.

Campaigners for same-sex marriages said that the decision is out of step with public opinion and the law.

WASHINGTON POST

EU parliament names a new VP in scandal fallout

STRASBOURG, France — European Union lawmakers voted Wednesday to replace a disgraced former parliament vice president after a key suspect in a the cash-for-influence scandal rocking the EU assembly made a plea bargain with prosecutors, raising the prospect of more people getting named.

Former parliament vice president Eva Kaili was removed from her post after she was taken into custody last month on charges of corruption, money laundering, and membership in a criminal organization.

Lawmakers held a secret ballot in Strasbourg to choose among three nominees for vice president. They picked Marc Angel of Luxembourg, who belongs to the same center-left political group, the Socialist and Democrats, as Kaili.

The scandal linked to Qatar and Morocco has ravaged the S&D group, the second-largest in the EU assembly. Kaili was responsible for the Middle East, but Parliament President Roberta Metsola wants to appoint an anticorruption vice president to repair the assembly's image.

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Japan acquits three over role in tsunami disaster

TOKYO — A Japanese court on Wednesday found three former utility company executives not guilty of negligence over the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster and the subsequent deaths of more than 40 elderly residents during their forced evacuation.

The Tokyo High Court ruling upheld a lower court decision that also acquitted the three former top officials of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, saying that a tsunami of the size that hit the plant was unforeseeable, and the executives could not be held negligent.

The case is the only criminal trial related to the nuclear accident, in which a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and massive tsunami hit the plant, knocking out its cooling systems and causing three reactors to melt. A large amount of radiation was released into surrounding communities and the sea, causing tens of thousands of residents to lose their homes, jobs, and community ties.

The acquittal angered dozens of Fukushima residents and their supporters.

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A HOLY FEAST — Ethiopians in Addis Ababa celebrated Epiphany on Wednesday. Across the country, people join in the festival to commemorate the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. As part of the celebration, people escort replicas of the Ark of the Covenant to water.

Filipino journalist acquitted of tax evasion

Nobel recipient still faces charge of cyber libel

By Jason Gutierrez and Mike Ives
NEW YORK TIMES

MANILA — Journalist and Nobel laureate Maria Ressa was acquitted of tax evasion Wednesday, a rare victory after numerous setbacks in her fight to keep publishing her news site Rappler, whose run-ins with authorities have become emblematic of the Philippines' declining press freedoms.

A Philippine court acquitted Ressa on all four charges against her. She would have faced a maximum sentence of 34 years if convicted. Rappler had also faced four charges and was acquitted.

Outside the courthouse in Manila, the capital, Ressa was visibly relieved and emotional after the verdict. Asked what it meant to her, she replied: "Hope. That is what it provides."

"We need independent media to hold power to account," she added.

The case was the first high-profile test of whether the legal troubles facing Ressa and Rappler would continue under the Philippines' new president, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., who has benefited from online disinformation and tried to play down the brutality of his father's dictatorship decades ago. Advocates had urged Marcos to demonstrate his stated commitment to a free press by intervening in Ressa's favor.

JAM STA ROSA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Nobel laureate Maria Ressa gestured after she was acquitted Wednesday of the tax evasion charges against her.

Authorities began taking action against Ressa and Rappler during the administration of Marcos's predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, as the news organization was aggressively covering Duterte's bloody campaign against drugs. That coverage helped Ressa win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021.

There are several other cases pending against Ressa, an outspoken critic of both presidents, and her news site. She is appealing her June 2020 conviction on a cyber libel charge, under which she could face six years in prison. The Philippines' top court is expected to rule on that case soon.

It was not immediately clear Wednesday whether the verdict in the tax case would influence the government's prosecution of the other cases, or the eventual verdicts. Rappler reported Wednesday that the verdict would likely affect a pending case in Pasig City.

Chel Diokno, a well-known Filipino human rights lawyer and chair of the Free Legal Assistance Group, said he saw the verdict Wednesday as a good sign. "I hope that Maria's other cases are decided with the same judicial independence and adherence to the rule of law," he said.

Marcos recently rejected a request from the International Criminal Court to resume its inquiry into Duterte's antidrug campaign, which left thousands of people dead.

But Marcos has also declined to attack the country's mainstream media, as Duterte did, and he has generally taken a less disruptive approach to the presidency.

Marcos is in Davos, Switzerland, this week for the World Economic Forum. A conviction of Ressa in the Philippines would likely have exposed him to unwanted scrutiny.

In a recent letter to Marcos, a group of Nobel Peace Prize laureates implored him to "assist in bringing about a rapid resolution to the unjust charges against Maria Ressa and Rappler."

"We hope to see the Philippines leave the mistakes of its past behind," they wrote.

The tax evasion case was related to an investment into Rappler by Omidyar Network, which is owned by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar. Authorities said the financing violated the restrictions on foreign ownership of domestic media. Rappler countered that Omidyar's investment was not the same as owning shares, did not violate the law, and did not give Omidyar Network control of its operations.

Rappler continued to publish while it fought its legal battles, and in 2018 the Omidyar Network donated its investment to Rappler employees, which the publication argued should have ended the government's grievance. However, authorities then accused Rappler of owing taxes on that transaction.

Shrinking, aging China not ready for its challenges

Must prepare for long-term needs of older populace

By Chris Buckley, Joy Dong, and Amy Chang Chien
NEW YORK TIMES

China's leaders have long known that the country is nearing a demographic crossroads.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Policymakers have warned that China must prepare for a slowly shrinking population and an era of fewer workers and more retirees. State media have urged young couples to seize the opportunity to have two or three children under relaxed family-size rules, to soften the looming economic crunch.

And yet the sense of incipient crisis grew Tuesday, when the government confirmed that the nation's population shrank last year for the first time in six decades, sooner and sharper than many experts had forecast.

Even if Chinese officials have warned that a demographic Rubicon was approaching, their preparations have not kept pace with the long-term needs of an aging society, in the eyes of many experts and Chinese people.

China's abrupt abandonment of "zero-COVID" controls exposed a government ill-prepared for an explosion in infections. And, similarly, the mounting population pressures may reveal a government that has not done enough to avoid tough choices in coming decades over rival priorities. Between the demands of caring for young and old. Between paying for social welfare and building up China's technological and military might.

China's leader, Xi Jinping, has partly sought to tackle the long-term economic and social pressures from a shrinking, aging society more by lifting the limits on family size. He has taken steps to build a strong social safety net and announced a new phase of "high-quality" growth less dependent on legions of cheap, abundant migrant workers from the countryside.

"The population issue is the most important issue for the future and yet the one that is most easily neglected," Ren Zeping, a former chief economist for the Evergrande Group, a massive housing developer, who has studied the looming demographic crunch, wrote in a widely circulated comment after the figures were released Tuesday. Ren called for more energetic policymaking, including birth subsidies, stronger paternity and maternity leave, and improved protection of women's rights in the workplace.

After the latest population statistics were released, many suggested in social media posts and in interviews that the government's moves may be too little and too late. To many, the government has barely begun to tackle the deeper reasons many young couples choose to have one child or none at all, like the costs of rearing and educating children and lack of substantial government support, especially for women, at home and in the workplace.

Anxiety and argument about China's new demographic era have been building as birthrates have slowed, especially in recent years. It has now hit a turning point: China's population in 2022 fell by 850,000, with more deaths than births for the first time since a famine in the early 1960s caused by former Communist chairman Mao Zedong's calamitous social experiment, the Great Leap Forward.

The societal issues run deep. After Tuesday's data release, some on the Chinese Internet said that despite government promises of a fairer deal for women, many employers did not want to employ women in better, steady jobs, because they did not want to deal with maternity leave and child care.

Israel's top court orders removal of Netanyahu minister

Government and judiciary headed for a showdown

By Isabel Kershner
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that a politician convicted of tax fraud was not fit to serve as a senior minister in Benjamin Netanyahu's new right-wing coalition, a move likely to accelerate a looming showdown between the government and the judiciary over control of the country's highest court and one that could destabilize the government.

Ten of the 11 judges on the panel ruled against the appointment of the minister, Aryeh Deri, the leader of an ultra-Orthodox Sephardic party and a close Netanyahu ally, on grounds of "extreme unreasonability," primarily because of his recent conviction and suspended prison sentence, and said the prime minister should remove him from his posts.

The decision comes as Netanyahu, who is on trial on corruption charges, and the judiciary are locked in a battle over the Supreme Court, with the prime minister and his coalition partners seeking to assert more control over legal matters, including the appointment of judges. Those efforts have prompted protests in cities across Israel in recent weeks, with many Israelis fearing that the judicial changes could undermine the country's democratic institutions.

Netanyahu now has to decide if he will respect the court ruling or defy it and head a government that opposition leaders said would be "illegal."

Soon after the ruling was issued, Netanyahu went to meet Deri in his home in a predominantly ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem. After the meeting, which lasted about 45 minutes, Netanyahu said, "When my brother is in distress, I come to him."

The Supreme Court decision was keenly awaited, coming amid a stormy national debate over the government's plans for fundamental judicial changes, including measures to severely curtail the power of the country's top court and give more power to politicians.

As well as changing the way judges are chosen, the government's proposals include reducing the Supreme Court's ability to revoke laws passed in parliament and allowing parliament to override such court decisions with a bare majority of 61. The government also wants to turn the legal advisers in government ministries into political appointees who would no longer answer to the attorney general.

An initial statement of support for Deri issued by Netanyahu's staff in the name of the leaders of the coalition parties appeared ambiguous regarding next steps, but it suggested that the coalition wanted to find a way to keep the minister in office, or at least keep his party in the coalition.

Deri, the leader of the Shas party, was appointed to the powerful positions of interior minister and health minister in the government that was sworn in barely three weeks ago. The outcome of Israel's fifth election in under four years, it is the most far-right and religiously conservative ruling coalition in Israel's history. Though Netanyahu promised a full four-year term of stable government, its first weeks are proving tumultuous.

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Two GOP representatives regain committee seats

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

WASHINGTON — Two Republican lawmakers who were previously expelled from House committees over their extremist or violent remarks have been given committee assignments again, days after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California won the gavel.

Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia will be seated on the Homeland Security Committee and Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona will be seated on the House Natural Resources Committee, according to two people familiar with the assignments who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Greene, who was first elected to Congress in 2020, was stripped of her congressional committee assignments shortly after she was sworn in for her past support of political violence and history of antisemitic and racist remarks. An outside agitator for much of her first term, Greene has been a stalwart defender of McCarthy over the past few months, pushing his candidacy for speaker over the objections of some other hard-right Republicans.

In November 2021, the House -- then controlled by Democrats — voted to censure Gosar and remove him from his committee assignments after he tweeted an altered anime video that depicted him killing Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a New York Democrat, and swinging two swords at President Biden.

WASHINGTON POST

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FORMAL MEETING — US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Santos given seats on two House committees

Even as calls grew for investigations into Representative George Santos and for his resignation, House Republican leadership on Tuesday gave the first-term congressman from New York seats on the Small Business and the Science, Space and Technology committees, according to a person briefed on the assignments.

The committee placements are the clearest indication yet of the restrained approach with which Republican leaders are treating Santos amid a growing controversy over falsehoods on the campaign trail and questions about his fund-raising and spending reported last month in The New York Times.

Neither of Santos's two committees are seen as a plum seats for lawmakers hoping to boost their profile on Capitol Hill, and they are not as highly regarded as the committees he had initially sought: either the House Financial Services or Foreign Affairs committees.

The person briefed on his assignments said Santos had requested those positions from Republican leaders.

But the likelihood of Santos getting those posts diminished after he acknowledged misrepresenting his work in finance and after reports cast doubt on aspects of his background, including claims of Jewish ancestry.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy, backed by a razor-thin majority that includes a faction threatening his leadership, has seen some of his delegation join Democrats in their call for Santos to resign. But McCarthy, whose bid to become speaker was backed by Santos, has refused to outwardly criticize him.

NEW YORK TIMES

Defeated N.M. candidate arrested for role in shooting

The arrest of a defeated candidate for the New Mexico Legislature on charges that he orchestrated the plot to shoot up the homes of four Democratic officials in Albuquerque has prompted widespread condemnation as well as accusations that the stolen-election rhetoric among supporters of former president Donald Trump continues to incite violence.

Following the Monday arrest, new details emerged Tuesday about the alleged conspiracy, including how close a spray of bullets came to the sleeping 10-year-old daughter of a state senator.

Albuquerque police said in charging documents released Tuesday that Solomon Peña, 39, who lost a state House seat in November by a nearly 2-1 margin but complained that his defeat was rigged, hatched the plot. Police accused him of conspiring with four accomplices to drive past the officials' homes and fire at them.

Peña "provided firearms and cash payments and personally participated in at least one shooting," the documents said. They alleged he intended to cause "serious injury or death" to the people inside their homes, the documents said. The group allegedly stole at least two cars used in the incidents, police said.

One of the targets of the attack said the shootings were part of a lineage of violence that stems from Trump's false claims of a stolen election, including the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

"You think it wouldn't happen here, that someone would do this to local officials," said former Bernalillo commissioner Debbie O'Malley, whose home was shot at Dec. 11. "There's been this narrative for a long time: If you don't get your way, it's okay to be violent. The message came from the top. It came from Trump."

WASHINGTON POST

Trump's former lawyer meets with N.Y. prosecutors

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, said he met for 2½ hours Tuesday with Manhattan prosecutors who have revived a years-old investigation into payments made to a pornographic film actress to keep her quiet about an alleged extramarital tryst.

Cohen said he had been "ordered not to disclose" any of the people present at the meeting or to discuss prosecutors' area of interest in any detail.

Cohen pleaded guilty in 2018 to federal charges that he violated campaign finance law by arranging payouts to porn actress Stormy Daniels and model Karen McDougal to keep them from going public with claims of extramarital affairs with Trump. Trump has denied the affairs.

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Justices seem to back deaf student in education trial

A win would be monumental for disabled pupils

By Jessica Gresko
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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed sympathetic to the arguments of a deaf student who sued his public school system for providing an inadequate education, a legal challenge important for other disabled students and their families.

The question for the justices involves a federal law that guarantees disabled students an education specific to their needs. During 90 minutes in the courtroom, liberal and conservative justices suggested they were inclined to rule for the student, Miguel Luna Perez.

His lawyer, Roman Martinez, said that for 12 years, the public school system in Sturgis, Mich., "neglected Miguel, denied him an education, and lied to his parents about the progress he was allegedly making in school."

"This shameful conduct permanently stunted Miguel's ability to communicate with the outside world," Martinez said.

Justice Elena Kagan indicated that she believed the argument that Perez had done "everything right" in pursuing his case.

"It's hard for me to see how that's not true. What should Miguel have done differently from what he did do in this case?" Kagan said.

Perez, now 27, was in the courtroom. He watched with the assistance of American Sign Language translators and Certified Deaf Interpreters, who can help when a person's communication skills are limited.

It remains difficult for Perez to make himself understood. Perez's lawyers say the school system failed him by not providing a qualified sign language interpreter.

The school system also mislead his parents into believing he was on track to earn his high school diploma. Just before graduation, however, his family was told he qualified only for a "certificate of completion," not a diploma.

His family responded by pursuing claims under two laws: the broad Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against disabled people, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The latter guarantees children with disabilities a free public education that is tailored to their specific needs.

The district agreed to pay for extra schooling and sign language instruction for Perez and his family, among other things. The family then went to federal court and, under the ADA, sought monetary damages, which are not available under the IDEA.

Lower courts said the settlement barred Perez from pursuing his ADA claims in federal court. Perez's lawyers said the 2-1 decision by the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, written by Judge Amul Thapar was out of line with every other federal appeals court that has considered the issue.

Former federal education officials were among those who told the Supreme Court in written briefs that the appeals court's decision was wrong. The officials said upholding the lower court decisions would hurt children with disabilities by forcing them to choose between immediately getting issues resolved but forfeiting other claims or delaying to try to get fuller relief.

The Biden administration also urged the court to side with Perez.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson was among the justices who seemed inclined to agree with Perez.

Perez graduated from the Michigan School for the Deaf in June 2020 with a diploma. His case at the Supreme Court is hard for him to understand, he said, though he understands part of it is "about having no interpreter."

"I wish I could have gone to college," he said. "I don't have a job, but I want to have one. I want to make my own choices."

A decision in his case, Perez v. Sturgis Public Schools, 21-887, is expected by the end of June.

Gun dealer at mill in Littleton linked to Boston shooting

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vendors at a single address in the nation. The mill was the subject of a Globe investigation in September, which reported that it was well known in local gun circles as a place where some dealers are willing to exploit loopholes in the state's notoriously strict gun laws.

The dealers there insist they are following the letter of the law.

Dealers can only legally sell Glock pistols to law enforcement officers in Massachusetts. But federal prosecutors say Daigle worked with another unnamed dealer at the Littleton mill to sell Grant two of the Glocks in two pieces, a common tactic dealers use to skirt state gun laws, which only regulate the sale of complete firearms.

The charges against Daigle "speaks to the need to close every single loophole in our gun safety laws," and to make sure "that law enforcement are regularly and comprehensively checking every gun dealer," said Senator Jamie Eldridge, whose district includes Littleton.

Daigle and Grant could not be reached for comment. An attorney for Rodriguez, William Keefe, said his client has no prior criminal record and intends to plead not guilty to the charges. Keefe said Rodriguez has also pleaded not guilty to a related state case.

Since the Globe's investigation in September, Littleton residents have been calling on the state and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to assist Littleton's small police force in doing a thorough investigation of all mill dealers. But the charges against Daigle did not originate from a state or ATF investigation. Instead, detectives from Boston uncovered the Glocks during a search of the Hyde Park home where Rodriguez was staying. Police then alerted ATF officials.

Daigle acknowledged he made the sales, according to an affidavit by a special agent with the ATF. "At the end of that day I needed the . . . cash to pay my distributor," he allegedly told agents during their Jan. 5 search of his Revere apartment. "The point is I'm a gun dealer, I did a straw purchase."

Under federal law, dealers cannot knowingly sell guns to anyone other than the person who will own it, and that person must be properly licensed. In this case, federal prosecutors say, Daigle knew that Grant, who is 22 and lives in Boston, was buying the guns for Rodriguez, who had no federal license and was too young to get one.

The ATF agent said that during the search of Daigle's home, investigators seized 95 firearms "scattered throughout the house and seemingly in no order," including most of the firearms in his business inventory. In searching Daigle's shop in Littleton, officials observed that most of Daigle's inventory, tools, and paperwork were kept at his home. State law prohibits people from operating gun businesses out of their home.

Among the 95 firearms seized were at least two short-barreled rifles, an Uzi machine gun that he built and hadn't registered, and parts to machine guns, at least some of which investigators say he wasn't permitted to own. Daigle is charged with conspiracy for the straw sales to Rodriguez, and with unlawfully possessing or transferring machine guns.

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"At the end of that day I needed the . . . cash to pay my distributor," Cory Daigle allegedly told ATF agents.

Daigle runs a tiny business and shares a room with several other vendors, a typical setup inside the mill. His shop reported to the state 68 firearms sales from September 2021 through September 2022. The alleged straw sales to Grant were made in October.

In September, the Globe reported that of the 32 vendors in the mill that the Globe visited or found had posted weapons for sale online, 25 were hawking weapons like AR-15s or the parts to make them at home, in open defiance of a controversial directive of the state's assault weapons ban that Maura Healey issued in 2016 as the attorney general.

But most of the vendors — including Daigle — had little or no Web presence, making it difficult to know exactly what type of business they were engaged in. Steelworks Defense Solutions' website has only partial photos of a business card with a skull logo that reads: "It's better to die on your feet than to live on your knees."

Littleton Police Chief Matthew Pinard said the ATF has not done a review or audit of all of the dealers in the mill yet, as had been planned prior to the Globe's story in September, but he is "still hopeful" it will happen. But he said ATF agents "are in and out of the mill on a regular basis" and so far have not found any illegality.

An ATF spokesperson did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

In response to the uproar over the Globe's findings, Littleton officials started courting buyers for the building — which was up for sale following the owner's death in April — and working on a zoning measure that would prevent such a large cluster in the future. The rezoning proposal was supported by a petition signed by 124 residents, and will be voted on in February.

Last week, the Lupoli Companies, a developer based in Lawrence, bought the mill building and another small building for $5.3 million, with plans that would displace the tenants there, including the gun vendors. The company has been proceeding on redevelopment of a property across the street into an enormous mixed use development on a former IBM property with 780 apartments and more than 600,000 square feet of commercial space.

When the company expressed interest in the mill building in the wake of the Globe's reporting, the Littleton planning board quickly approved its proposal to raze the building and construct an additional 285 apartments in its place.

Noting he has worked with Littleton officials for two years on the adjacent project, chief executive Sal Lupoli released a statement saying he had "a vested interest in protecting the community and my investment," and in referring to the gun emporium, added, "I could not sit on the sidelines."

A Lupoli spokesperson said the company's leasing team will be meeting with the gun vendors and other tenants of the old mill "individually to discuss their leases."

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PAC e-mails may point to possible violation by state GOP chairman

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any size, from "directly or indirectly" coordinating with candidates or political parties. In other words, these outside PACs can spend money in an effort to support candidates, but cannot discuss with those candidates how they plan to spend the money.

But the e-mails appear to show Lyons and Nader working together, with the same firm conducting opposition research, the Stirm Group, to coordinate opposition research on Healey.

"On one sheet of paper please explain what you think we should highlight regarding your investigation," Lyons wrote to Nader and the research firm in one Oct. 17 e-mail. The subject line: "Re: Healey Final Report and Relevant Data."

"I will forward to Tony Nader," Lyons wrote to a Stirm executive in a different e-mail dated Oct. 16, apparently referring to the research on Healey. He signed off, "Thanks, Jim."

In other e-mails that copy Nader, Lyons suggests times to connect on the phone. The Stirm Group, which had been hired to probe Healey's past, including her personal life, was in direct contact with Nader about the research and payment for it, the e-mails show. An attorney for the Stirm Group earlier told state Republicans that Lyons directed the firm to seek payment for its opposition research services from Nader.

Nader, Lyons, and a spokesperson for the party did not return requests for comment Wednesday.

The possibility of a state investigation of its campaign finances is another controversial development for the state GOP, and for Lyons, at a crucial time. The state party is struggling with dwindling fund-raising and influence on Beacon Hill, especially since former Republican governor Charlie Baker left office and was replaced by a Democrat.

And Lyons himself is battling to keep his post, with the state party's regular election for officers set for Jan. 31. The outcome of that contest will carry enormous implications for the party, which has been bitterly divided for years between hardline conservatives who back Lyons and more moderate members supportive of Baker. Lyons's critics say the recent disclosures, as well as revelations the party owes at least $86,000 for campaign-related services, make it clear the party needs new leadership.

The documents, including the e-mails from Lyons to Nader, were shared with Republican State Committee members this week as part of an update from Crowley about the party's debts.

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Jim Lyons is battling to keep his post, with the state GOP's regular election for officers set for Jan. 31.

The campaign finance law at issue dictates that outside groups such as Nader's PAC may not "directly or indirectly coordinate" campaign activity with candidates or political action committees. An expenditure is considered improperly "coordinated," regulators say, if it is "made at the request, suggestion, or direction of, or in cooperation, arrangement, consultation, concert or coordination with the candidate or committee on whose behalf, or for whose benefit the expenditure is made." If an independent PAC and a political party are working with the same vendor — as Crowley's documents would appear to show — that can also create a "presumption of coordination," regulators say.

There is no love lost between Crowley and Lyons. Lyons sued the party treasurer last year over access to the party's bank account.

As a matter of policy, the state campaign finance office does not confirm whether it is investigating any political operation. Michael Sullivan, a former head of the office, told the Globe that "a thorough investigation takes time."

"But the documents publicly available certainly indicate that there was communication, and communication between a candidate or a party and a super PAC is prohibited," Sullivan added.

It would be difficult for the Massachusetts GOP to claim ignorance of the anticoordination law. In February 2022, the state party's attorney explicitly asked state campaign finance regulators for guidance on what contact the party leader could permissibly have with independent expenditure PACs.

A top state regulator advised March 8 that "caution should be exercised to avoid coordination."

"There should be no coordination between the IEPAC and the state party committee," wrote OCPF director William Campbell. "Prohibiting any communication between the chair or other officer/agent of the state party and the IEPAC would be the best practice."

Violations of state campaign finance laws are punishable by fines and in certain circumstances, prison time. Any potential penalties would depend on the details of the violation, according to OCPF spokesman Jason Tait.

Nader's PAC, the Mass Freedom Independent Expenditure Political Action Committee, reported spending $140,000 to oppose Healey and support Republican Geoff Diehl in last year's election. Its largest contribution came from the Republican Governors Association, which gave $235,000. It also received $75,000 from Nader himself, and a handful of other donations from Massachusetts residents, including a few who routinely support Republicans here, such as Richard Green, owner of 1A Automotive.

The super PAC was organized in summer 2022 "to highlight key issues and showcase solutions-minded conservative candidates in Massachusetts," according to its filings with state campaign finance officials. The PAC is "guided by foundational Judeo Christian family values," its statement of organization says, and intended to highlight issues such as consumer costs and the economy, as well as "anti-religion restrictions."

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Teaching winter a lesson, if it ever shows up

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but I am a recognized master at saying, "Let them move to Florida and see how they like it in July," despite never having been to Florida in July.

Do you know how good I am at saying, "They'll cancel school for *anything* nowadays?" What am I supposed to do with that masterful inflection when even last weekend's teeniest of dustings was immediately followed by a 50-degree day?

T.S. Eliot famously said that April was the cruelest month because it mixed memory and desire. April now starts just after Thanksgiving and lasts for five months, a gray wasteland shoulder season that is neither good enough nor bad enough to elicit much emotion. It is Mac Jones.

We pride ourselves on being "true" New Englanders, a distinction that rests solely on declaring that others are not. And at its core, it is a story of hardiness, and hardiness is earned in winter; it is the story we use to keep ourselves warm.

Stop me if you've seen this scene before (even if it was many years ago): Someone dares to complain that the winter weather is not to their liking. If you are a *true* New Englander, you would feel the urge to pounce. "Well," you'd begin in a tone of practiced condescension. "That's why you need to ____."

Here we insert our favorite winter activity, which is of course better than their favorite winter activity. But what are we to do when the skis and sleds, the skates and shovels, the ice augers and snowshoes are all still sitting in the basement?

I am famous for catching my kids falling into a zombie state in front of the TV and announcing: "Every day is the perfect day for something, now go out and find it."

"What?" they always reply, confirming that they suffer from early-onset male television deafness. So I turn the television off and dramatically repeat myself.

"Like what?" is always next out of their mouths, and I am rarely unarmed. But lately, I look at them and say, "Go for a walk. But on the sidewalk because it's already mud season in the woods."

I will then mutter something about this generation and their screens, before I return to my phone.

And while the idea of "New England winter" conjures images of the great outdoors, the people I worry most about are the indoor people, the urban folk, the citizens of Boston.

There is nothing like waking up after an overnight snow and stepping outside into a metropolis under a blanket of silence. You breathe in the cool air, drink in your surroundings, and prepare for a magical day of getting into fistfights with your neighbors.

Nothing says "you're doing it wrong" like the annual melee over the unofficial rules for the officially sanctioned practice of claiming a public parking spot because you own a cone. Space savers, as they are known, are fully endorsed by the city government, whose only rule is "please don't kill each other." The specifics are left up to each individual, and each individual is certain that all the other individuals don't know what the hell they're doing.

But this year? Nothing. Even though Boston winters have risen by *only* 3 degrees in the last half-century, this winter is a supreme dud so far. There has been nothing that has come close to warranting a "snow emergency," which is when the city legalizes cone-on-cone violence. I shudder to think what people will do with all that pent-up condescension.

Here's the thing, kid. If you are using a cone to mark your spot, you ain't doing it right. What you want to do is use something the city won't take on a normal trash day, like that old TV you were saving in case flat screens went out of style. What you do is leave that in your spot forever, and when they finally send the trash trucks around to take the space savers, they throw it away for you. Bingo bango.

You'd know that, if you knew what you were doing.

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It may be the middle of January, but a man could still fish on Furnace Pond in Pembroke. Without much in the way of raw material, a snowperson in Hanson wasn't exactly pristine.

Wu floats proposal for rent control, with 10% cap

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cupied properties such as three-deckers. And it would be paired with so-called just cause eviction protections for tenants, which require landlords to have adequate reason to launch eviction proceedings on a tenant.

A spokesperson for the city confirmed the details of the proposal discussed Tuesday.

"We continue to work with the advisory committee toward specific legislative language that would protect families from rent gouging and displacement as our city continues to grow," a city spokesperson said. "We look forward to receiving additional stakeholder feedback before filing a proposal with the City Council."

Boston has long been one of the most expensive cities in the country to rent an apartment, and most of the others on that list — New York City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles — have had some form of rent control in place for decades. Meanwhile rents here have surged in recent years throughout the city's neighborhoods, sparking concerns about displacement of working-class tenants.

Rent control, Wu has said, is one crucial step in addressing the region's housing crisis. But getting it done will be a challenge.

Massachusetts voters in 1994 banned rent control across the state (at the time it was in place only in Boston, Cambridge, and Brookline), meaning any proposal in Boston would require not just the City Council but also Beacon Hill to sign off. That's far from certain, as the Legislature has been deeply skeptical of the policy in the past, as was former governor Charlie Baker, a Republican. Newly elected Democratic Governor Maura Healey has been noncommittal, but signaled during her campaign that she may be open to allowing cities and towns to pursue their own versions of rent control.

Indeed, Wu's rent control proposal faced headwinds at the State House immediately on Wednesday, with House Speaker Ronald Mariano saying he has "questions" about the policy, including fears that it could discourage investments in housing.

"It's been voted down a number of times," the Quincy Democrat noted.

Healey, meanwhile, avoided taking a position on Wu's proposal, saying, "It's something I have to look at and review." Similarly, a spokesperson for Senate President Karen Spilka said only that she would review "any finalized proposal" that came before the Legislature.

It's not at all clear when that might happen. City officials would say only that Wu intends to present a version of the proposal to the City Council this year. It will not be filed at the State House this week ahead of a legislative deadline Friday, and rather will go to Beacon Hill as a "home rule petition," which can be sent at any time.

Rent control is a signature policy issue for the progressive Wu, but during her campaign for mayor she mostly spoke in general terms without proposing specific restrictions.

This current draft proposal is the best indication yet of her approach. Still, the proposal is not final; the committee was not presented with draft language for legislation, and the group is expected to meet again before the proposal is formally unveiled.

Wu is aiming to strike a balance that stabilizes the rental market without discouraging much-needed new housing. But she's likely to face opposition from all sides. Tenant advocates would prefer that the cap on rent increases be lower while industry groups and real estate developers generally oppose rent control in any form. And Wu already faces pushback from the development community on her recent proposal to boost the fees developers pay toward affordable housing construction.

Tamara Small of commercial real estate industry group NAIOP Massachusetts contends that rent control will deter the production of new housing, and ultimately worsen the region's supply shortage. Boston is far behind other major metros in creating housing, she said, and rent control "will only worsen the situation."

"If we are trying to create more housing, rent control is not going to achieve that goal," Small said.

But Edward Goetz, a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Minnesota, contends that exempting newly built properties means the program would not deter future housing production.

"There is no research out there that supports the contention that rent stabilization has killed the new construction market anywhere that it has existed," he said. "There is just no such evidence."

Even if passed as currently proposed, Wu's pitch would be among the least strict rent control policies in the United States, Goetz said. A cap at 10 percent would help prevent rent gouging, he said, eliminating "the abusive stuff at the edge of the market."

Some tenant advocates are unhappy with the plan, noting the proposed cap would still allow landlords to hike rents by hundreds of dollars a month, increases that would accumulate each year, deepening the burden on lower-income tenants who often already pay one-third or more of their income for housing each month.

"It's not good enough," said Mike Leyba, codirector at City Life/Vida Urbana. "That is not why [the community] elected a progressive, pro-rent-control mayor. We elected a progressive, pro-rent-control mayor to be on the side of the people who are facing steep, dramatic . . . rent increases."

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Mayor Michelle Wu is aiming to stabilize the rental market without discouraging much-needed new housing.

Sole HIV vaccine in late-stage trials fails

Progress set back 3 to 5 years

By Apoorva Mandavilli
NEW YORK TIMES

The only vaccine against HIV still being tested in late-stage clinical trials has proved ineffective, its manufacturer announced Wednesday, another disappointment in a field long beset by failure.

Dozens of HIV vaccine candidates have been tested and discarded over the past few decades. The latest defeat sets progress toward a vaccine back by three to five years, experts said. Still, other options in early-stage trials may yet turn out to provide a powerful bulwark against HIV.

The news is "disappointing, but it isn't the end of the effort toward developing a vaccine," Dr. Anthony Fauci, who led the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases until December, said in an interview. "There are other strategic approaches."

An ongoing study called PrEPVacc in Eastern and Southern Africa is evaluating a combination of experimental HIV vaccines and preventive drugs. Scientists have made headway in developing powerful antibodies that can neutralize the virus. And they are testing new vaccine technologies, including mRNA, against HIV.

Still, the loss of the latest candidate underscores the challenges of designing a vaccine for an adversary as wily as HIV. Four decades after its discovery, the virus still infects about 1.5 million people each year, and kills about 650,000.

For people in wealthier nations, HIV is not the death sentence it once was. Powerful drugs can suppress the virus in infected individuals. There are several options available to prevent infection: Oral pills and shots given every two months are already approved in the United States, for example, and a shot that would only need to be given every six months is in late-stage trials.

But these medications must be taken for the rest of the patient's life, and are often inaccessible to those who need them the most. A vaccine would be the ideal way to thwart the virus.

"The ultimate prevention modality for any infection, particularly viral infection, is a vaccine that's safe and effective," Fauci said. "That's the reason why the field is going to continue to pursue very active research in that area."

The trial now ending, called Mosaico, began in 2019 and was led by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, part of Johnson & Johnson. It tested the vaccine in 3,900 cisgender men (those who have always identified as male) and transgender individuals who have sex with cisgender men and transgender individuals, in more than 50 sites in nine countries in North America, South America, and in Europe.

The vaccine contained a mosaic of components meant to target several different subtypes of HIV present worldwide. But the immune response it provoked against the virus did not include significant amounts of the so-called neutralizing antibodies that are considered the most powerful weapons against infection.

While the trial's failure does not spell the end of the mosaic approach, it does signal that a successful vaccine should rouse the body to produce broadly neutralizing antibodies, Fauci said.

After reviewing early data from the trial, an independent data and safety monitoring board concluded that while the vaccine was safe, it did not prevent more HIV infections than a placebo did. The board recommended that the company stop the trial and inform the participants.

The outcome did not entirely surprise experts, because a study of the same vaccine, called Imbokodo, was halted in 2021. That trial tested the vaccine in cisgender women in five sub-Saharan African countries.

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EDITORIAL

Vacant Seaport lots benefit no one

As the Seaport District rapidly transitions into a bustling neighborhood, one section of that vast territory remains grossly underutilized — neither a community nor a commercial hub, just fallow.

But, this being Boston, attempts to fill in those vacant acres along the D Street corridor near the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center will, of course, have their detractors. Such is life in a part of town where once even using the name "Seaport District" — instead of Southie — could earn the uninitiated a stern reprimand.

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, which owns the land it no longer needs for its own future expansion, has two promising bids in hand to turn three parcels totaling 6.2 acres into something other than the dustbins they currently are. This is good news, right?

Well, not to four local politicians who seem to think it's a distressing development.

State Senator Nick Collins, Representative David Biele, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, and Councilor Michael Flaherty sent a letter to MCCA executive director David Gibbons calling for a halt in the proposed development of the three MCCA-owned parcels, two on D Street, and one on E Street, under a 99-year ground lease.

"We haven't seen anything like this in our careers," they wrote. "Your decision to bypass the residents of South Boston and its elected officials by providing no opportunity for meaningful community process and input is alarming to say the least."

The letter raised the issue of the original land-taking about a decade ago to allow for possible expansion of the BCEC, which did make use of the state's eminent domain powers (albeit in a "friendly taking" in which the seller consented and turned a tidy profit). And eminent domain does indeed require a public purpose, an issue raised by the four politicians.

There is a plan on the drawing boards for a $400 million expansion and modernization of the BCEC, including the addition of a ballroom and a new D Street entrance — the Pavilion on D — but nothing that would require use of the three parcels in question, which do not adjoin the BCEC property.

So what public purpose could be served instead? Decades ago, before the BCEC took the land, it was being eyed as the site of 585 residential units. Then the 2007-2008 recession hit the real estate market.

Sadly, neither of the two bids received by the MCCA contain any mention of housing. But they still have worthy features.

The bid by Cronin Development proposes three towers on the D Street parcel, the tallest at 214 feet, with two connected by a sky bridge and totaling about 1.1 million square feet of office, lab, and retail space, plus a third tower on E Street. The D Street complex would include a grocery store — much needed in that part of town — a food hall, performance space, and an art gallery with a relationship to the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design, a historically Black college in Detroit.

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A second bid by Boston Global Investors proposes three buildings totaling 550,000 square feet, also largely devoted to office and lab space, plus a 64,000-square-foot grocery store with a "green roof" for urban farming and community functions. A second phase on the E Street property would include lab space and a possible biomanufacturing facility plus open space.

Both proposals include underground parking, much of it reserved for use by the BCEC, and office space for the MCCA required by its request for proposals.

What the MCCA also wants is a return on an investment — an investment made by a previous board and a previous administration, but one which helped create a vast wasteland of unused assets. The income from the lease in question could help finance the proposed BCEC expansion, which would have to be approved by the Legislature. The expansion would in turn help cover the gap that closing the Hynes Convention Center for a possible two-year renovation — should that be approved by lawmakers — would require.

Making use of those vacant parcels is a win-win-win for the city, the neighborhood, and the convention center. It shouldn't be left to the whim of a handful of those with a far narrower agenda.

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The parking lot at 371 D Street.

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How much does Wu believe in MLK's commitment to civil disobedience?

Mayor Michelle Wu spent the past weekend paying tribute to the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and his commitment to civil disobedience as a positive force that can change the world.

Yet last Thursday night, four protesters — including three clergy members — who are seeking to change the name of Faneuil Hall were arrested at Boston City Hall, where they had staged a sit-in in an effort to meet with the mayor, who was not there at the time. The trespassing charges against the four were dismissed. As Jim Borghesani, a spokesman for Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden, explained via e-mail, "In cases like this — a protest with no impact/disruption on the general public, no violence, no criminal history among those arrested — it's pretty standard to decline prosecution."

Asked about the arrests, Wu spokesman Ricardo Patrón said, "The building was closed. For the safety of everyone, that means people can't stay in the building." To be clear, the protesters who are associated with a group called The New Democracy Coalition were told that if they did not leave, they would be arrested. They chose that outcome. Still, the disconnect between Wu's words and actions raises a question: How committed is this mayor to peaceful protest if her ultimate reaction to protesters is to have them arrested? And beyond protest, how open is Wu to dialogue and debate?

For example, the mayor last year kept some angry North End restaurant owners out of a press briefing she held on the city's controversial outdoor dining policy, saying she did not want to "normalize harassment." She has also declined to meet one-on-one with developers and others in the business community, apparently out of a desire to avoid encounters with people who want something that might run counter to her populist agenda.

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At least the arrests of the Faneuil Hall four show that Wu has an equal opportunity attitude to dissent that targets her. Protesters who objected to her COVID-19 mandates by banging on drums outside her home have also been arrested, after an ordinance was passed at her request that restricts the hours such protests can take place. So far, those charges have also been dismissed, with Judge Steven Kay of the West Roxbury division of Boston Municipal Court telling one protester, "I think you were wrongly arrested and wrongfully charged as a result."

During Boston's MLK breakfast on Monday, Wu referenced those protesters who came to her neighborhood, telling the audience that a year ago, "We were entering week three of right-wing protesters coming to my house nearly every single day with their drums and whistles, with their megaphones and hate." It's true, those objecting to her COVID-19 vaccine mandate were loud and obnoxious, and some used racist and misogynist language. Maybe no bridge to civil discourse can be built between them. Yet a breakfast that honors King and the civil rights movement is an odd setting to make that case.

The City Hall sit-in stemmed from an ongoing effort to rename Faneuil Hall, because Peter Faneuil, the 18th-century merchant who built the structure and donated it to the city, made his fortune trading enslaved people and owned five of them. Protesters have chained themselves to the building and taken part in other demonstrations. On Jan. 12, several members of The New Democracy Coalition went to City Hall, saying they wanted to meet with Wu. Around 8:30 p.m., police asked them to leave, and the four who did not were arrested, according to the police incident report.

Members of the group say they have sent several letters to Wu seeking a meeting. As mayor, she has not met with them, but Segun Idowu, the city's chief of economic opportunity and inclusion, has reportedly spoken with them. Asked about the letters from several members of this group, Patrón forwarded this statement: "The City of Boston is recognized throughout the world for our role in this country's founding, but it is critical to acknowledge and address the role of slavery in our nation's founding and the deep inequities that remain today. As we work to build an equitable Boston for everyone, the City is committed to advancing racial justice and learning from our past and right wrongs."

That statement does not say Wu will meet with this group or where she stands on the name change. Whether or not you support their effort, it seems like a topic worthy of a broader conversation, led by the city's mayor, about Boston's history when it comes to race. Having that conversation means talking personally to people with different perspectives, including members of this group. Doing so would also neutralize the power of protest that King so understood — and Wu said she believes in.

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Video of gun-toting child is a wake-up call for America

If you saw it, you'll never forget it: video footage this week of a diaper-clad 4-year-old boy wandering the hallway of an Indiana apartment complex, playing with a gun. But this was not a toy pistol. The child waved and repeatedly pulled the trigger of a real handgun with 15 rounds in its magazine.

By heavenly grace the weapon's chamber was empty. According to a neighbor, as the little boy squeezed the gun and pointed it at apartment doors, a stairwell, and most horrifyingly himself, he said: "Pow, pow, pow, pow."

And it all played out live on national television on a reality show called "On Patrol: Live."

The boy's father, who said he was asleep inside their apartment at the time, was later arrested on felony neglect charges — a scene that also played out before television viewers.

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In this still from a doorbell video, a child held a handgun in an Indiana apartment complex.

I'll leave for another column an examination of our culture's ghastly obsession with watching police interactions (usually with Black, Latino, poor, or otherwise disadvantaged people) for entertainment value.

Right now, this is about guns in America. More specifically, guns in our homes — hundreds of millions of guns that are found in a massive share, 44 percent, according to Gallup, of American households. Guns kept within reach of our children.

"There is this perception that having a gun in the home makes you safer," said Colleen Creighton, director of End Family Fire, a movement to promote responsible gun ownership that encourages safe gun storage in the home. "In reality, you are three to five times more likely to be injured by a gun in the home."

Also, those in armed households are more likely to be killed by their own gun, not protected from an intruder.

And the more access children have to guns, the more tragic the results. In 2020, firearms surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the number one cause of death of American children age 1 to 19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the child firearm death rate jumped 50 percent from 2019 to 2021, when seven children died by gunfire every single day. In that tragic way, America stands apart from its peers.

And we're thinking about gun violence all wrong. The first shooting at a US school in 2023 was not carried out by a gunman with an assault rifle. It was committed by a 6-year-old child who allegedly brought his mother's legally purchased gun to school and shot his teacher. Six. Years. Old. Thankfully, no one was killed, but the complex tragedy of that incident will leave a permanent scar on the lives of everyone involved: from the teacher wounded by a child she was tasked with educating, to the students who witnessed the violence and had their sense of security shattered, to their traumatized families, to the child who learned the feeling of entering the criminal justice system at an age when he should have been learning how to ride a bike.

An understandably angry, exasperated parent at that scene in Virginia earlier this month told reporters: "I'm only here because my husband's in the military, or otherwise I would not have chosen to come to this country."

That parent is correct that the level of gun culture and obsession in this nation is uniquely American. This is where the Second Amendment is treated like scripture, distorting the constitutional right into some kind of biblical doctrine never contemplated by the Founders: thou shalt pack heat.

Our children are watching, learning, and imitating. And dying.

One way to better protect children — and adults — is with safe storage laws. But we have learned — especially with gun violence — that you cannot legislate away a problem without changing the culture surrounding it. Most gun owners undoubtedly believe that they are keeping their guns safely away from their children. The father of the child in Indiana reportedly told police he thought his son couldn't access the closed, rolltop desk where the gun was kept. He was wrong.

"Parents think their gun is in a safe place," Creighton said. "But a lot of time the child knows things that the parent doesn't think they know."

Passing laws mandating personal firearms be securely locked away, enforcing those already on the books, and having strong penalties to back up existing laws make for a good start. But none of that will matter if we don't change our way of thinking.

One problem is there is so much we don't know about gun violence, including how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted it, since the CDC has only recently been empowered to study it as the public health issue that it is. That data will be vital.

In the meantime, the video of that gun-toting baby should shake us all to the core — and wake us up to the reality that guns don't keep us safe. They threaten our children.

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Harvard needs to stand with its principles, not with Israel — or its donors

By Kenneth Roth

The Harvard Kennedy School's Diversity Statement says the school "welcomes new ideas — even unpopular and controversial ones," so they can be debated "in an environment of mutual respect." Sadly, that laudable statement does not seem to extend to Israel. At least that is the unfortunate conclusion that I draw from Dean Douglas Elmendorf's veto of a human rights fellowship for me because of my criticism of Israel.

The stakes are far greater than my own situation. Having directed Human Rights Watch for three decades, I am fortunate to have plenty of other career opportunities. But the message to younger scholars is devastating. Unless Harvard makes amends, those scholars will be left to fear that criticism of Israel — or commentary on other controversial topics — can be a career killer. That is not what Harvard should stand for.

> Obviously, we had criticized Israel. We would have been derelict in our responsibilities as defenders of human rights if we had not.

Shortly after I announced that I would be leaving Human Rights Watch, the Kennedy School's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy reached out to me to see whether I would be interested in spending a year with them as a senior fellow. It seemed like a good place for me to work on a book about human rights advocacy, so I agreed in principle. The only remaining step needed was approval from the dean, which we all presumed would be a formality.

But a couple of months later, two directors of the Carr Center called me and said that Elmendorf had vetoed my fellowship because of my, and Human Rights Watch's, criticism of Israel. Elmendorf confirmed that rationale to Professor Kathryn Sikkink, a highly respected human rights scholar associated with the Kennedy School.

I was shocked by this explanation. Obviously, we had criticized Israel. We would have been derelict in our responsibilities as defenders of human rights if we had not.

Israel is one of 100 countries on whose human rights record Human Rights Watch regularly reports. Human Rights Watch uses the same careful, fact-based reporting, and applies the same international human rights and humanitarian law, as in those other countries.

And as in any wartime situation, Human Rights Watch reports on all sides of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. That means criticism of not only the Israeli government but also the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, and Hezbollah.

Elmendorf has welcomed as fellows former Israeli prime ministers Ehud Barak and Tzipi Livni and Major General Amos Yadlin, former chief of Israeli military intelligence. The Kennedy School's Wexner Israel Fellowship annually brings in 10 Israeli officials. And Elmendorf occasionally allows a Palestinian voice, such as Saeb Erekat, the former Palestine Liberation Organization chief negotiator. But these are all partisan officials. Human Rights Watch and I seem to be objectionable to the dean precisely because we are impartial observers, which gives our criticism of Israel greater weight.

Elmendorf has no known public position on Israel, so there is no basis for concluding that personal prejudice was at play. Rather, he told the Carr Center that people "who mattered to him" objected.

An investigation by The Nation suggests what might have gone on. It turns out that certain major donors to the Kennedy School are big supporters of Israel. I don't know whether Elmendorf consulted with one or more of them, or just anticipated their reaction, but donor influence seems to be the most likely explanation. Although this possibility of donor-driven censorship has been discussed widely in the media, a Kennedy School spokesperson "did not deny" any of the "specific allegations" that I had been making, according to The Harvard Crimson.

The Kennedy School's policy on "transparent" fundraising vows that donors "would not interfere with HKS's intellectual independence." But Elmendorf has been silent on whether donors were behind his rejection of my fellowship.

Because Harvard's credibility is at stake, President Lawrence Bacow should get involved. Does he really want to leave the impression that Harvard donors can undermine academic freedom?

When I headed Human Rights Watch, I acknowledged that I would never be able to attract donors who want to exempt their favorite country from our scrutiny. That would violate our core principle of equal application of international human rights standards.

Harvard should do the same for educational principles. As the wealthiest university in the world, it can certainly afford to take a principled stand with donors.

To dispel any doubt about its commitment to academic freedom, Harvard should clarify that it will not accept contributions from any donor who tries to use a gift to undermine academic freedom, and it will prohibit administrators from penalizing academics in response to expressed or feared donor objections. That would at least make something positive of this sorry episode.

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INBOX

And the beat goes on for the word police

Clamping down on certain language ignites both the left and the right

Thanks to Joan Vennochi for revealing some of the Globe's list of verboten words in her column about a recent change at the School of Social Work at the University of Southern California ("The language police come for the word 'field,' " Opinion, Jan. 17). Language phobias like these, so common on college and university campuses, would be good for a laugh at the absurdities of woke culture if they didn't have such serious political consequences. In 2017, according to a Cato Institute free speech survey, 70 percent of Americans and 78 percent of independents agreed with the comment Donald Trump made during the 2016 election that a "big problem this country has is being politically correct." Anyone who doesn't think resentment of de facto censorship helped elect Trump hasn't been paying attention.

This movement is also advancing Ron DeSantis's presidential ambitions. The Republican governor of Florida uses anger at woke mandates to institute his own regime of right-wing language and thought policing. And, like other hard-right culture warriors, DeSantis invokes concerns about the imagined rights of listeners, and other theories of censorship popularized by progressives, to censor speech that progressives would protect. What pyrrhic victories woke language policers may claim.

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Lively conversation unfolds online over the words we use

Joan Vennochi's column "The language police come for the word 'field' " generated almost 200 comments on BostonGlobe.com. The following is an edited sample:

This is foolishness. "Fieldwork" as some form of racial slur? Anyone so sensitive as to be traumatized by the use of this word clearly does not belong anywhere near a college campus. (Tom Chapman)

I've always enjoyed the Kevin Costner movie "Practicum of Dreams." (smozo)

No one likes language manufactured by academics who are trying to dodge any possible charge of offensiveness by replacing loaded old words and phrases. The thing about language is that it evolves organically out of the culture. All cultures reflect their dominant classes. Since our era's dominant class has always been neck-deep in hierarchy, the culture it dominates has long spit out plenty of those offensive words and phrases. When some people have clumsily pushed back against this, they get lit up by the right with that all-purpose putdown "political correctness." I'd just point out, though, that no one is as politically correct as the system's firmer supporters. The pressures for conformity and acceptance of capitalist society's myths about itself — one familiar example being "Americanism" — are incredibly powerful. The right has long enforced its own brand of political correctness, even as it now attacks and ridicules whatever pushback rears its head. (clave)

THE SCROLL

If the person using an old expression clearly intends to be insulting, then I am insulted. If they clearly did not intend insult, then I give them the benefit of the doubt. (Patricia W)

I'm a lifelong liberal Democrat, and I'm sick of this nonsense. (Stasi Volk)

"Don we now our gay apparel." I'm going to my master bedroom to take my gay apparel out of the closet. On HGTV, houses no longer have a master bedroom. And leave poor Mr. Faneuil alone in his grave. Political correctness has gone wild. Just ask him or her or them or they or it or whomever. (dotcommonsense)

Each semester I ask my students: Does the First Amendment protect speech that some people might find offensive? The answer is yes, and most students understand why this has to be the case: The government should not be in the business of policing our language. That being said, private organizations are free to have their own language policies, to an extent. There are clearly so-called unwritten rules on the use of language that have evolved over time in civilized cultures. As an example, the women's movement pushed for some commonsense language changes, like using "police officer" instead of "policeman." That is not the same thing as taking the word "field" out of our vocabulary. (BR74)

Is "housework" next? (NOT3x2)

Nurses, other staff must organize to press for change at hospitals

In the Jan. 13 op-ed, "The deplorable conditions in the emergency department," Lauren Stiller Rikleen describes her son suffering from severe gastrointestinal problems during a two-day hospital stay, during which a bed was unavailable. Hospital staff were overwhelmed with patients and did not have enough time to provide the care Rikleen's son deserved. These situations, happening every day across Massachusetts, are why patients are frustrated and nurses are fleeing the bedside. When COVID-19 hit, the virus crashed against long-standing hospital staffing problems. For years, executives had been understaffing while boosting profits, buying competitors, closing services, and padding their compensation. Rikleen's advice is to start with administrators and trustees. The problem is they helped create this crisis. Instead, we must empower the public and legislators to hold hospitals accountable and enact enforceable staffing solutions.

To achieve this goal, nurses and other health care workers must have a protected voice. Because of the trauma of the pandemic, more and more nurses have been seeking the strength and legal protection of a union. By joining together, health care workers can make a positive difference at the bedside and in the halls of power. We can advocate for authentic staffing improvements and make sure patients get what they need.

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Murder and misogyny

Stop killing us. For God's sake, just stop killing us.

It has been quite a week around here when it comes to men taking the lives of women they're supposed to love.

On Wednesday, Brian Walshe was finally arraigned in the murder of his wife, Ana Walshe, who went missing on the first day of the year. Prosecutors say that after killing his wife, Walshe, a con-man who'd been awaiting sentencing in a federal fraud case, dismembered her body and dumped it.

The charges grew inevitable as the clumsy lies Brian Walshe told investigators unraveled over the last couple of weeks. As the case progresses, we will likely see the unspooling of a familiar story, about the darker reality of a marriage that looked perfect on social media: After all, before they were married, Brian Walshe threatened to kill Ana and her friend, a threat she took seriously enough to report to D.C. police. In addition to searching for information on dismembering and disposing of a body around the time of Ana's disappearance, Brian Walshe was also allegedly searching for information on divorce. In the days before her death, Ana pleaded with her mother in Serbia to come visit right away, convincing her something was wrong.

This week, too, Victor Carter was arraigned in the December murder of Amber Buckner. It's unclear whether the two were officially a couple: They were friends, at least, and tenants at a house in Stoughton. About a week before he allegedly killed her, Carter punched Buckner in the head without warning and was asked to leave the house. The woman who owned the house said Carter and Buckner made up. But prosecutors say he then killed Buckner on December 13th, stabbing the 40-year-old woman some 30 times.

Rounding out this gruesome trifecta is Mohammed Chowdhury, a Boston convenience store clerk who allegedly tried to have his wife and her boyfriend killed but, in what passes for good news in these grim days, failed because the assassins he hired were actually FBI agents. Chowdhury, 46, who appeared in federal court on Tuesday, allegedly told the undercover agents he was angry at his wife of 12 years because he had "brought her to the United States from Bangladesh, paid money for her, had two children with her, and ... she cheated on him with another guy and kicked [him] out of the house."

That's three arraignments in just one state, in just one week. It feels like a sudden outbreak, but that is just an accident of timing: Men (it is mostly men) are killing their partners, or coming close, all year long, all over the country. Still.

We take abuse survivors' stories more seriously than we used to; we've more ways to help them escape; we're better at policing. We know the signs that indicate abusers are likely to attempt murder and that their victims are most vulnerable when they're trying to escape to safety.

But here we are.

I've written countless columns on intimate partner violence over the years, trying to frame it in ways that might make more people see it for the absolute – and preventable – crisis that it is, instead of something inevitable, like the weather. I've written about white, Black, Hispanic, and Asian victims, in middle-class families and poor ones, in the hope of showing how this scourge knows no boundaries; I've argued for better laws, stronger education efforts, more resources for victims who need them.

But the things that drive men like Brian Walshe to kill their partners still seem to be beyond our reach. Men are still motivated by – and leveraging – the misogyny that constricted women back in the 1960s, when my mother suffered years of domestic abuse. That misogyny closed off women's escape routes and gave men the benefit of the doubt until it was too late, or some miracle set their victims free.

Obviously, we've made progress since then, but not nearly enough. The conviction that women are property, to be possessed and controlled, persists. And too often, that still ends in violence.

What is there left to say but stop? Please, please, just stop.

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BPS safety suggestions include police

Hot line also on list from consultant

By Christopher Huffaker
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Boston Public Schools should consider forming an internal police department that would place officers back on campuses, according to a recommendation made by an outside consultant that is likely to draw strong opposition.

Other proposals, shared with the School Committee Wednesday night, include creating an anonymous safety hotline, speeding up the recruitment of safety specialists, and coming to an agreement with Boston police on information sharing. The recommendations are in response to persistent safety concerns in the district and a state-mandated district improvement plan that called for the audit of how the district responds to safety complaints from families.

The state also asked the district to conduct "a review of the impact of the reduction of school police." (BPS took police out of the district's schools in the summer of 2021 and replaced them with safety specialists without arrest powers, uniforms, or handcuffs.)

BPS tapped the Council of the Great City Schools, an advocacy organization for the nation's largest school systems, to conduct the review, as well as others that examined how to improve special education and transportation in the district.

The group said the district should create a focus group to weigh whether BPS should form its own police force, according to a summary of the consultant's findings. The Council of Great City Schools is not affirmatively recommending an in-house police department, the group's Executive Director Ray Hart said.

"We can share the pros and cons of what that means if Boston is interested, but again, this is just a recommendation to have the conversation," Hart said.

'This report is going to help us as we continue to improve our efforts.'

MARY SKIPPER, *Boston Public Schools superintendent*

The report comes shortly after a group of city councilors called on the district to restore police to schools, provoking an outcry from juvenile justice advocates. On Tuesday, a group of 14 organizations, including

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'I like to think of it as an impossible story made possible by the power and grace of God.'

ANDREA CAMPBELL, *on her rise from a difficult childhood to attorney general*

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Attorney General Andrea Campbell (left) with Governor Maura Healey at her swearing in Wednesday.

Campbell makes history as new AG

Sworn in as role's first Black woman

By Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

Assistant attorneys general also took their oath of office Wednesday.

Andrea Campbell was sworn in as attorney general Wednesday afternoon, making history as the first Black woman to serve as the state's top lawyer and first woman of color to hold statewide office. She joins a historic group of constitutional officers where five of the six officials are women.

Campbell took her oath of office at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in front of a background of emerald green — an apparent reference to her campaign colors. She then spoke to a crowd of more than 1,000, including office staff, supporters, elected officials, community leaders, and her family, including her young sons who excitedly cried out when their mother took the stage.

"Today I stand on the shoulders of beautiful and resilient Black people who stood up for civil rights for freedom, inclusion, love," Campbell said, referencing former US Senator Edward William Brooke, the first Black senator elected to serve in Washington, D.C., and the first Black attorney general of Massachusetts. "My hope is that every day, women and young people who look like me — and see the incredible work of this office — will feel less invisible, despairing, and lonely because there continues to be a shining example of what is possible."

Governor Maura Healey, who sat in the front row, wiped a tear after Campbell's speech.

The mood was joyous Wednesday, with dignitaries, local business leaders, and others packing the hall, some with young children in tow to witness the historic day. A duo of musicians performed Campbell's favorite gospel song, "How I Got Over," to loud claps from the audience. Students from the Codman Academy Charter Public School in Dorchester performed the Pledge of Allegiance, and a vocalist performed a passionate rendition of the National Anthem, accompanied by a cello. Campbell's uncle, Ronald Savage, closed out the event with a drum solo performed using a metal jazz drum brush.

Stephanie Lovell, a cochair of the transition committee and former first assistant attorney general, gave the welcome address.

"No person is more motivated to

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Contractor charged with using tainted fill

Mass. firm cited in highway work

By Brian Amaral
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — A Massachusetts company and a former top company official illegally dumped contaminated fill from other sites at a major highway project in Rhode Island, the state attorney general alleged in a criminal case unveiled Wednesday.

Barletta Heavy Division and former senior employee Dennis Ferreira were charged in Rhode Island court with two counts of illegal disposal of solid waste, one count of operating a solid waste management facility without a license, and one count of providing a false document to a public official. Attorney General Peter Neronha said Canton-based Barletta and Ferreira were involved in dumping thousands of tons of contaminated soil and stone at the 6/10 highway project site from the Pawtucket/Central Falls commuter rail station and from a site in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

"As alleged in the information, Mr. Ferreira and Barletta used the 6/10 site as an environmental dumping ground, and not only for Rhode Island waste — worse yet, they made Rhode Island a dumping ground for Massachusetts waste," Neronha said at a news conference in Providence unveiling the charges.

In a lengthy statement Wednesday, Barletta said it "respectfully rejects the criminal charges."

The criminal charges come weeks after Ferreira, 62, of Holliston, Mass., pleaded guilty in federal court to three counts of making a false statement in connection with a federally funded highway project. He is set to be sentenced in March. Barletta

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Cambridge residents speak out over shooting

Seek changes to police at meeting

By Sonel Cutler
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE — Since a police officer this month shot and killed a 20-year-old college student, who was allegedly armed with a machete-like knife, the community has reacted with outrage and renewed a call to improve police accountability.

At a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, dozens of residents pressed Police Commissioner Christine Elow and other city leaders for more information about the death of Sayed Faisal.

Some who attended the meeting at City Hall, or participated over Zoom, again called on city councilors to decrease the police department's $73 million budget and redirect the funds toward alternative responses to traditional policing.

"I think that if we wanted police to be effective mental health responders, we would not just have to train them in de-escalation," said Mason Kortz,a 12-year resident of Cambridge, referring to the method police use to reduce tense situations. "You have to untrain a lot of what they're already taught about their primary role as law enforcement."

Wednesday's meeting focused on discussing the protocols, processes, and training of the Cambridge Police Department amid increasing public calls for transparency throughout the ongoing investigation into Faisal's death.

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Cambridge Police Commissioner Christine Elow spoke Wednesday.

Faisal, a student at UMass Boston, was fatally shot by an officer on the evening of Jan. 4 in the Cambridgeport neighborhood. Police responded to a 911 call reporting that a man had jumped out the window of an apartment and was cutting him-

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GLOW WITH THE FLOW — With the fading sun nearly below the horizon, a pedestrian with a canine friend passed a pump house Wednesday as they looped around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

BC High hockey coach on leave after OUI arrest

By Emily Sweeney
GLOBE STAFF

The coach of Boston College High School's varsity hockey team was placed on leave after he was arrested and charged with operating under the influence and leaving the scene of property damage on Sunday.

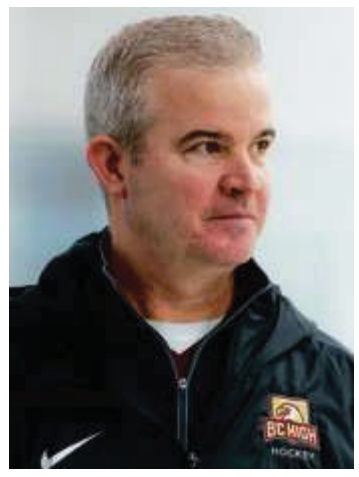
John J. Flaherty, 52, of Milton, has been placed on administrative leave until further notice, according to an e-mail from the school's athletic director that was obtained by the Globe.

According to a police report filed in Quincy District Court, Milton police responded shortly after 7 p.m. on Sunday to a report of a hit-and-run crash involving a 2021 Toyota Tacoma.

A Milton man told police that the Toyota struck his car, a 2017 Lincoln, while he was stopped at a red light at the intersection of Reedsdale Road and Randolph Avenue. The man said the driver of the Toyota, later identified as Flaherty, did not stop after hitting his car, so he started following him and called 911, according to the police report.

Flaherty was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, and a marked lanes violation, according to David Traub, a spokesman for the Norfolk district attorney's office.

Flaherty pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Tuesday. He was released on personal recognizance and is due back in court Feb. 9 for a pretrial conference, Traub said.



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John Flaherty was arrested on charges including OUI.

Flaherty's lawyer, John J. McGlone III, could not be reached for comment.

Colleen F. Carter, a BC High spokeswoman, said the school was aware of the charges against Flaherty.

"As it relates to the Varsity Hockey team, we can confirm that Coach Vermette and Coach Collier, along with Coach O'Brien, will take on responsibility for the team in Coach Flaherty's absence," Carter said by e-mail. "Separate from that, we will not be commenting on a private matter at this time."

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THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

A sea turtle named Lasagna received treatment from staff at the New England Aquarium's hospital in Quincy.

64 sea turtles face long-term recovery after Cape stranding

By Kate Armanini
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

After the annual stranding season for sea animals on Cape Cod, 64 sea turtles are in critical condition with hypothermia and are being treated at the New England Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy, officials said in a statement Wednesday.

From November to January, hundreds of sea turtles washed up on the Cape Cod shores. This season, 518 were treated at the Quincy hospital. While most were transferred to secondary rehabilitation facilities, the 64 with hypothermia and other life-threatening medical conditions will remain in Quincy for long-term treatment, the aquarium said.

"We'd love to keep them all, but we don't have the space," Adam Kennedy, director of rescue and rehabilitation, said in a phone interview. "The ones that are really sick stay with us, and from there, those are the turtles we are doing bloodwork and radiographs on."

The turtles will receive individualized treatment for conditions including pneumonia, sepsis, bone infection, and dehydration.

Most are expected to complete treatment in eight months and return to the ocean, the aquarium said.

"Historically, we have an 80 percent survivorship rate, which is really good given that the turtles are in critical condition, and if we weren't doing this work none of them would survive," Kennedy said.

Each year, aquarium staff and volunteers have a tradition to name the sea turtles according to a theme. This year the theme is pasta and noodles.

"Folks tend to remember the names more than the number," Kennedy said. "To put a name to a turtle helps people understand these guys and get volunteers involved."

Though the stranding season is cyclical, the number of stranded turtles is increasing. In 2000, only 50 washed up, while more than 800 washed up in 2022, according to the aquarium. The cause is difficult to pinpoint, Kennedy said.

Kennedy encouraged those who wish to help to donate to the hospital or volunteer.

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2023. There are 346 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 93. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 92. Movie director Richard Lester is 91. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 81. Actor Shelley Fabares is 79. Money manager Peter Lynch is 79. Country singer Dolly Parton is 77. Former ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 76. TV chef Paula Deen is 76. Rock singer Martha Davis is 72. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 70. Actor Katey Sagal is 69. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 68. Conductor Simon Rattle is 68. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 65. Actor Paul McCrane is 62. Actor William Ragsdale is 62. Basketball coach and commentator Jeff Van Gundy is 61. Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 57. Singer Trey Lorenz is 54. Actor Shawn Wayans is 52. Actor Drea de Matteo is 51. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 49. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 41. US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is 41. Movie director Damien Chazelle is 38. Actor Shaunette Renee Wilson is 33. Actor Logan Lerman is 31. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 31. Actor Lidya Jewett is 16.

►In Jan. 19, 1809, poet Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston; he died Oct. 7, 1849 in Baltimore.

►In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

►In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

►In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, N.C., killing 251 people; 71 survived.

►In 1953, CBS-TV aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

►In 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India by the National Congress party.

►In 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

►In 2009, Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine and paving the way for an end to the nearly two-week cutoff of most Russian gas to a freezing Europe.

►In 2012, Rupert Murdoch's media empire apologized and agreed to cash payouts to 37 people who had been harassed and phone-hacked by its tabloid press.

►In 2013, death claimed baseball Hall of Famers Stan Musial at age 92 and Earl Weaver at age 82.

►In 2018, Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman joined dozens of other women and girls in confronting her former doctor, Larry Nassar, at his sentencing hearing for multiple sexual assaults; she warned him that the testimony of the "powerful army" of survivors would haunt him in prison.

►Last year, voting legislation that Democrats and civil rights leaders said was vital to protecting democracy collapsed after two Democratic senators refused to join their own party in changing Senate rules to overcome a Republican filibuster; the measure would have ensured access to early voting and mail-in ballots, and would have enabled the Justice Department to intervene in states with a history of voter interference. In a rebuff to the former president, Donald Trump, the Supreme Court allowed the release of presidential documents sought by the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection. The NCAA adopted a sport-by-sport approach for transgender athletes, bringing the organization in line with the US and International Olympic Committees.

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Driver, 85, facing hit-and-run charges

An 85-year-old Maynard woman is facing multiple motor vehicle charges in a Nov. 2 hit-and-run crash that seriously injured a 13-year-old boy, police said Wednesday. Joan Hurley is charged with leaving the scene of personal injury, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and crosswalk violation, according to a statement from police. She is due in Concord District Court on March 9. She could not be reached for comment Wednesday. Police announced last month that they were seeking criminal charges against the driver, who was not identified by name, because their application for a criminal complaint was pending in the court. The boy, who had been hospitalized for weeks, was released and escorted home by police a couple of weeks ago, a department spokesman said. The crash occurred on Great Road near Harris Street just after 6 p.m., the statement said. The boy, who was hit while crossing the street on a crosswalk, was flown by helicopter to a Boston area trauma center for treatment. Police launched broad public appeal for information about the crash. After releasing video surveillance from nearby businesses, investigators were able to locate the vehicle, which was seized.

BOSTON

Two adults, 3 youths face gun charges

Police arrested five people, including three juveniles, in connection to a string of armed robberies, home invasions, and carjackings in Hyde Park, and allegedly seized three guns, including one emblazoned with the phrase "Diamond Boss" on the side, officials said. Detectives saw three cars on Tuesday morning near 17 Lexington St. that matched the descriptions of vehicles linked to previous crimes in the area and followed them to a 7-11 convenience store on Hyde Park Avenue, according to a police report. Officers entered the store after one suspect, identified as 20-year-old Johan Ortega-Nunez, of Dorchester, went inside wearing blue latex gloves, a balaclava-style mask, and a hoodie, the report said. Nunez was placed in custody as officers "removed and frisked" the other people inside the cars and allegedly recovered three firearms, including a 9mm handgun that was stolen from Nashua, a second 9mm handgun, and a ghost gun, according to the report and a statement from police. Ortega-Nunez was arrested on a warrant from Dorchester Municipal Court that charges him with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, vandalism, and threats, police said. He was also charged with armed robbery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, carjacking, and kidnapping, police said. Angelica Pena, 18, was arrested on a warrant from Roxbury Municipal Court in connection to an alleged home invasion, police said. The juveniles, ages 15, 16, and 17, were arrested on carjacking, kidnapping, and weapons charges. They were not identified due to their ages.

BROOKFIELD

Search continues for missing woman

Authorities resumed their search for a missing woman Wednesday morning and expanded their search radius, but they do not plan to return to the area on Thursday, according to State Police. Brittany Tee, 35, is 5 feet 6 inches tall with brown hair and blue eyes, police said. She was last seen Jan. 10 leaving a home on Main Street in Brookfield on foot, officials said. She was wearing a black winter coat, a hoodie, jeans, and work boots. Family members reported Tee missing on Jan. 13. Worcester District Attorney Joseph D. Early said relatives did not immediately report her missing because of a miscommunication that led them to believe they knew where she was. Police have Tee's phone, laptop, and car, and are using these items to help find her, Early said. Authorities have interviewed people locally and outside about Tee's whereabouts, he said. "We do believe she's in the area," Early said. On Wednesday, State Police said that K-9 teams and an emergency team trained to search harsh terrain were deployed to continue the search beyond the area that was cleared Tuesday. There were no plans to resume the ground search on Thursday, but the investigation into Tee's whereabouts continues, a spokesperson for Early's office said. "In no way does this mean the search is over," the spokesperson, Lindsay Corcoran, said. Investigators have established a dedicated tip line for information about Tee at 508-453-7589.

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LUCKY FOR LIFE
Jan. 18 **12-27-35-42-44**
Lucky Ball 6
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MASS CASH
Jan. 18 **3-10-15-22-24**
Jackpot: $100,000; no winners

MEGABUCKS
Jan. 18 **4-9-19-28-33-44**
Jackpot: $2,815,095; no winners

MEGA MILLIONS
Jan. 17 **2-12-18-24-39**
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Jackpot: $20 million; no winners

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Wed. Tri-State Megabucks
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Rhode Island **0460**
Powerball **6-15-22-42-47**
Powerball **26**

Mass. contractor charged in R.I. with using tainted fill

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reached a non-prosecution agreement with federal authorities, under which it will pay a $500,000 criminal fine. The company also settled under the federal False Claims Act for $1 million.

The separate accusations unveiled Wednesday are state charges. An arraignment is scheduled for Feb. 1.

The charges can bring fines of $25,000 a day for every day waste was present on the site, Neronha said, although he underscored that both Barletta and Ferreira are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise.

Messages seeking comment Wednesday from Ferreira's lawyers were not immediately returned.

According to Neronha, Ferreira was the superintendent of the work on the Route 6/10 interchange, with broad responsibility for the ongoing project. Barletta is the primary contractor. In 2020, Barletta and Ferreira authorized the disposal of more than 4,500 tons of stone and soil contaminated with hazardous materials at the 6/10 project, Neronha said.

Barletta had to analyze any fill brought to the 6/10 site for contaminants, Neronha's office said. But Barletta and Ferreira sourced contaminated soil from the Pawtucket/Central Falls commuter rail station, which had been used as a rail yard for nearly 150 years and where the presence of contaminants, including arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, had been confirmed, according to Neronha's office.

In Jamaica Plain, Barletta had stockpiled contaminated stone from railbed replacement work on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's B and C Green lines, Neronha's office said.

All told, Barletta and Ferreira authorized the transport of about 1,114 tons of contaminated soil from the Pawtucket/Central Falls site and 3,460 tons of contaminated stone from the Jamaica Plain MBTA site to the 6/10 project, Neronha said. They did so, Neronha said, to save money.

When state officials at the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Management asked Ferreira for an environmental certification for the transported stone, he provided an environmental testing report with an analysis from a different site, Neronha's office alleged.

When test results did come back for the Jamaica Plain stone, they showed contaminants exceeded public health and environmental standards that Barletta had to comply with — and nobody at Barletta told the DOT about it, Neronha said. That notification came two months later, from counsel for Barletta, according to Neronha.

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation confronted Ferreira about the contaminated soil being brought to the 6/10 site, and Neronha said he responded by saying: "I can do anything I want with the soil."

In a statement running 863 words that extensively laid out the company's defense, Barletta said it "respectfully rejects the criminal charges that the Rhode Island Attorney General has chosen to bring, which incorrectly contend that Barletta illegally disposed of solid waste at the Route 6-10 highway job in Providence, Rhode Island."

The statement continued: "Barletta intends to fight these charges vigorously and is confident that it will prevail and restore its impeccable reputation once the facts are fully and accurately presented in court."

According to Barletta, the soil and stone transported to the 6/10 job had the same makeup as the soil in and around the 6/10 highway for generations, "a fact that has been established through rigorous testing performed by a highly respected and reputable geotechnical engineering firm."

The company said that if any stone or soil was taken to the site from Massachusetts or the Pawtucket/Central Falls train station projects, and if false documents were submitted, that was done by the former employee, Ferreira, without Barletta knowing about it. On the question of submitting false documents, Barletta said once it learned what Ferreira allegedly did, he was fired.

Barletta also said, among other things, that the materials at issue were not "solid waste," which would be necessary to bring a criminal charge for illegal disposal.

As for remediation, Neronha said environmental experts have determined that trying to dig up and remove the materials that were used throughout the site would pose more of a public health threat than leaving them there in what is effectively a capped state. There are concerns, though, about what could happen when later work might need to be done at the site, Neronha said.

"There's certainly going to have to be steps in place to address the contamination," he said.

Neronha told reporters Wednesday it was his understanding that people who live near or drive by the site should not be concerned about exposure. According to reports at the time, the state in September ordered Barletta to remove soil from the project.

The massive 6/10 reconstruction project, at a total cost of $410 million, started in 2018 and is expected to wrap up by the end of the year. The interchange carries about 100,000 vehicles a day, according to the DOT.

The project includes building nine bridges, two of them new, including a flyover bridge from Route 10 north to Route 6 west.

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The Lobster Pot has been a favorite of generations of visitors.

Lobster Pot up for sale for $14m

By Kate Armanini
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The original Lobster Pot restaurant and building in Provincetown, a popular eatery at the tip of Cape Cod, is up for sale for $14 million, said owner and head chef Tim McNulty.

"We were raised in this building. I absolutely love it, always have loved it, always will love it," McNulty said. "With any luck, there's another buyer who wants to keep it as the Lobster Pot for the next 50 years."

The sale includes the "buildings, business, equipment, improvements and brand," according to the listing posted Tuesday night.

McNulty, 60, said he will remain in the kitchen, so long as the new owner wants to keep it that way.

"We've done this our whole lives; we're just getting a little older, and so it's time to start thinking about that," McNulty said.

The 8,293-square-foot waterfront property, located at 321 Commercial St., has two floors of dining rooms and bars. It features the iconic "Lobster Pot" neon sign and sweeping views of Provincetown Harbor, the listing said.

The seasonal restaurant is closed for winter.

McNulty's family has owned the Lobster Pot since 1979, he said. He's been a chef there since he graduated high school and has worked alongside his mother, son, siblings, nieces, and nephews. The restaurant currently boasts 4.6 stars on Google, with nearly 3,000 reviews.

"The generations of customers that return year after year are hoping that it doesn't change either," McNulty said. "This is a family-run institution that has done a lot for the community."

McNulty will still own the Lobster Pot Express, a fast-food version of the restaurant down the street, as well as Lobster & Chowder House in Wellfleet. Still, he said he'll always love the original location.

"This is a building full of love, heart, and soul," McNulty said. "It's an incredible building with incredible food and incredible service. You can feel it. The love comes through."

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Alleged online searches by Walshe detailed

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Over the next few days, investigators mounted a desperate effort to find the 39-year-old mother of three. But prosecutors said that work has led them to a single conclusion: she wasn't missing, she had been murdered by Brian Walshe, who they said disposed of his wife's dismembered body in the trash.

Walshe, 47, did not speak during the arraignment except to say "I do" when asked if he understood the charges against him. Walshe remained largely expressionless as Beland recited

> Prosecutors did not specify when or how Walshe allegedly killed his wife, and the police report in the case was impounded.

a litany of online searches he made beginning early on Jan. 1. Throughout the hearing, he appeared to flex his right hand nervously.

Days before allegedly killing his wife, Brian Walshe, who in 2021 pleaded guilty to scamming a Los Angeles art collector out of $80,000, had inquired online about divorce, Beland said.

"On Dec. 27, the defendant Googled 'what's the best state to divorce for a man?' " Beland said during the arraignment. "Rather than divorce, it is believed Brian Walshe dismembered Ana Walshe and discarded her body."

Among the terms Walshe allegedly searched online were "how long before a body starts to smell," "how to stop a body from decomposing," "how to embalm a body," and "10 ways to dispose of a dead body if you really need to," Beland said. Those searches occurred between 4:55 a.m. and 5:47 a.m. on New Year's Day.

At the mention of the embalming search, Walshe, clad in a tight gray sweat shirt and tan pants, shook his head.

Additional search terms included "can you throw away body parts," "what does formaldehyde do," "how long does DNA last," "can identification be made from partial remains," "dismemberment and best ways to dispose of a body," and "what happens when you put body parts in ammonia," Beland said to a hushed courtroom.

He also searched for "hacksaw best tool to dismember," and "can you be charged with murder without a body," Beland said.

Data from Ana Walshe's phone indicated it was stationary near the house from New Year's Eve until 3:14 a.m. on Jan. 2, when it was turned off, Beland said. There were no outgoing calls during that time.

Prosecutors did not specify when or how Walshe allegedly killed his wife, and the police report in the case was impounded. Walshe's lawyer, Tracy Miner, didn't respond to the allegations in court or contest the prosecution's request that he be held without bail. Walshe was already being held on $500,000 bail for allegedly misleading investigators in the case.

In a statement after the arraignment, Miner said prosecutors had not provided her with any evidence in the case.

"In my experience, where, as here, the prosecution leaks so-called evidence to the press before they provide it to me, their case isn't that strong," Miner said. "When they have a strong case, they give me everything as soon as possible. We shall see what they have and what evidence is admissible in court, where the case will ultimately be decided."

Miner criticized media coverage, which she said "has already tried and convicted Mr. Walshe."

In court, Beland detailed Walshe's alleged efforts to dispose of his wife's body. On Jan. 3, Beland said, surveillance video allegedly captured Walshe at an apartment complex in Abington.

"He walks to the dumpster carrying a garbage bag," Beland said. "He's leaning, and it appears to be heavy, as he has to heft it into the dumpster."

Police tried to track down bags he had allegedly disposed of in Abington but they had already been taken to another site where they were shredded and incinerated, Beland said. Investigators also have surveillance video that shows a person matching Walshe's appearance leaving items in a dumpster about 40 minutes later at an apartment in Brockton, she said.

Police also searched dumpsters from his mother's apartment complex in Swampscott and found trash bags containing several items with "stains consistent with blood," including towels, rags, a Tyvek protective suit, gloves, slippers, carpets, a COVID-19 vaccine card in the name of Ana Walshe, a hacksaw, and cutting shears, Beland said.

Also found were a purse and boots that matched what Ana Walshe was last seen wearing, as well as a portion of a necklace that matched one she had worn, Beland said.

Testing showed that Ana and Brian Walshe "contributed" to DNA found on the slippers, while Ana Walshe "contributed" to the DNA found on a pant leg of a Tyvek suit, Beland said. Brian Walshe's DNA also was found on the suit, she said.

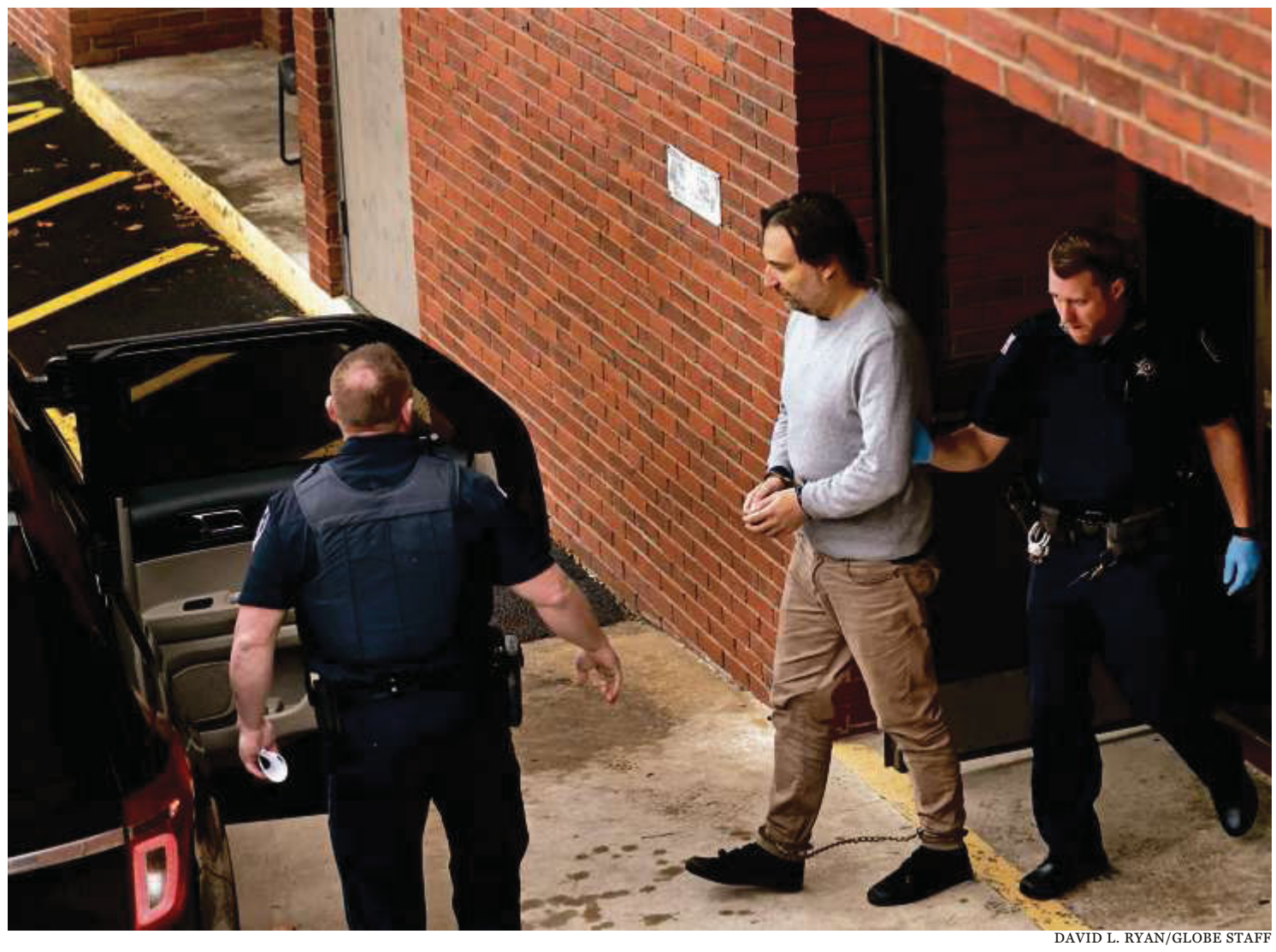
On Jan. 2, Walshe paid $450 in cash for cleaning supplies at a Home Depot in Rockland, including mops, brushes, tape, tarp, a Tyvek suit with boot covers, a hatchet, and baking soda, Beland said. Walshe wore a mask and gloves while in the store, Beland said.

After Walshe's wife was reported missing on Jan. 4, officers went to the couple's home for a well-being check, Beland said. Walshe told police his wife had left early on Jan. 1 for a flight to Washington, D.C., where she worked for a real estate firm.

But authorities said there was no record of a rideshare or taxi coming to their home that day and determined that she did not fly out of Logan Airport that day or any since.

Authorities then launched an expansive search of her home, the surrounding woods, and a nearby stream. Detectives traveled to Washington to search for any sign of her.

Walshe was arrested on Jan. 8 and charged with misleading investigators in the case. At Walshe's arraignment the next day, Beland said investigators had found blood and a damaged knife with blood on it in the basement of the couple's home.



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Brian Walshe was led away from Quincy District Court after his arraignment Wednesday on a charge of murdering his wife, Ana.

That night, police could be seen at the Swampscott apartment complex and the Peabody transfer station.

Allegations that Walshe was murdered have left her friends reeling and deeply concerned for the couple's three sons, the oldest of whom is 6. They have been placed in the custody of the Department of Children and Families, the state's child protection agency.

Carrie Westbrook, who knew Ana Walshe when she first arrived in the United States from Serbia in 2005, said, "I am devastated and wish there was something I could do for her boys."

In an Instagram post Westbrook shared with the Globe, she paid tribute to her longtime friend.

"Your smile lit up a room, your heart could fill a stadium, your generosity and passion infected everyone around you with admiration," Westbrook wrote.

Westbrook said she is organizing a reception in D.C. in the coming weeks so friends can pay tribute to Walshe.

"My focus is on celebrating a life of a close friend," Westbrook said.

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Murder evidence includes computer searches, video images

By Amanda Kaufman
GLOBE STAFF

During Brian Walshe's arraignment on Wednesday, Assistant District Attorney Lynn Beland alleged he dismembered and discarded Ana Walshe's body. Beland also listed a number of Google searches Brian Walshe allegedly made on and after Jan. 1.

Jan. 1

Brian Walshe told police Ana Walshe left their Cohasset home Jan. 1 at about 6 a.m. in a ride share heading to Logan Airport for a flight to Washington, D.C., where she worked. But records showed there was no Uber or Lyft to their house on Jan. 1, Beland said during the arraignment.

Prosecutors said that Brian Walshe made the following series of Google searches, starting before dawn.

4:55 a.m.: "How long before a body starts to smell"

4:58 a.m.: "How to stop a body from decomposing"

5:20 a.m.: "How to embalm a body"

5:47 a.m.: "10 ways to dispose of a dead body if you really need to"

6:25 a.m.: "How long for someone to be missing to inherit"

6:34 a.m.: "Can you throw away body parts"

9:29 a.m.: "What does formaldehyde do"

9:34 a.m.: "How long does DNA last"

9:59 a.m.: "Can identification be made on partial remains"

11:34 a.m.: "Dismemberment and the best ways to dispose of a body"

11:44 a.m.: "How to clean blood from wooden floor"

11:56 a.m.: "Luminol to detect blood"

1:08 p.m.: "What happens when you put body parts in ammonia"

1:21 p.m.: "Is it better to throw crime scene clothes away or wash them"

Brian Walshe told police that at 3 p.m. on Jan. 1, he ran errands and went to his mother's house in Swampscott but claimed he got lost because he didn't have his phone. He told police he then went to Whole Foods and CVS, but surveillance footage did not show him entering either of those stores.

Jan. 2

Information from Brian Walshe's phone showed he was at a HomeGoods store on Jan. 2 in Norwell, where he bought three rugs, Beland said. Also that day, he allegedly made another series of online searches.

12:45 p.m.: "Hacksaw best tool to dismember"

1:10 p.m.: "Can you be charged with murder without a body"

1:14 p.m.: "Can you identify a body with broken teeth"

After he allegedly made the Google searches, Brian Walshe was seen on surveillance footage at the Home Depot in Rockland, Beland said. He was pushing a cart with items including cleaning products, mops, brushes, tape, buckets, goggles, and baking soda, Beland said. He was wearing a face mask and rubber gloves while he was pushing the cart.

At 5:32 p.m., he was allegedly seen at the Derby Street Shops in Hingham removing the gloves and a mask.

Jan. 3

The Google searches continued the next day, according to prosecutors.

1:02 p.m.: "What happens to hair on a dead body"

1:13 p.m.: "What is the rate of decomposition of a body found in a plastic bag compared to on a surface in the woods"

1:20 p.m.: "Can baking soda make a body smell good"

At 4:27 p.m., data from Brian Walshe's phone showed he was at an apartment complex in Abington, Beland said. Video surveillance showed him allegedly getting out of a car near a dumpster while carrying a garbage bag, Beland said.

"He's leaning and it appears to be heavy, as he has to heft it into the dumpster," Beland said.

At 4:48 p.m., the prosecutor said, he went to another location in Abington, and at 5:10 p.m., cellphone records show he went to an apartment in Brockton, where he allegedly discarded items in a dumpster, surveillance video showed.

Jan. 4

On Jan. 4, the day Ana Walshe's co-workers reported her missing and her husband told police he hadn't seen her since Jan. 1, Brian Walshe allegedly went to HomeGoods and TJ Maxx. There, he purchased towels, bath mats, and men's clothing, Beland said. At 4:15 p.m., he went to Lowe's and purchased squeegees and a trash can.

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Where Brian Walshe allegedly tossed trash bags

Investigators recovered trash bags that Brian Walshe allegedly deposited near multiple locations following the slaying.

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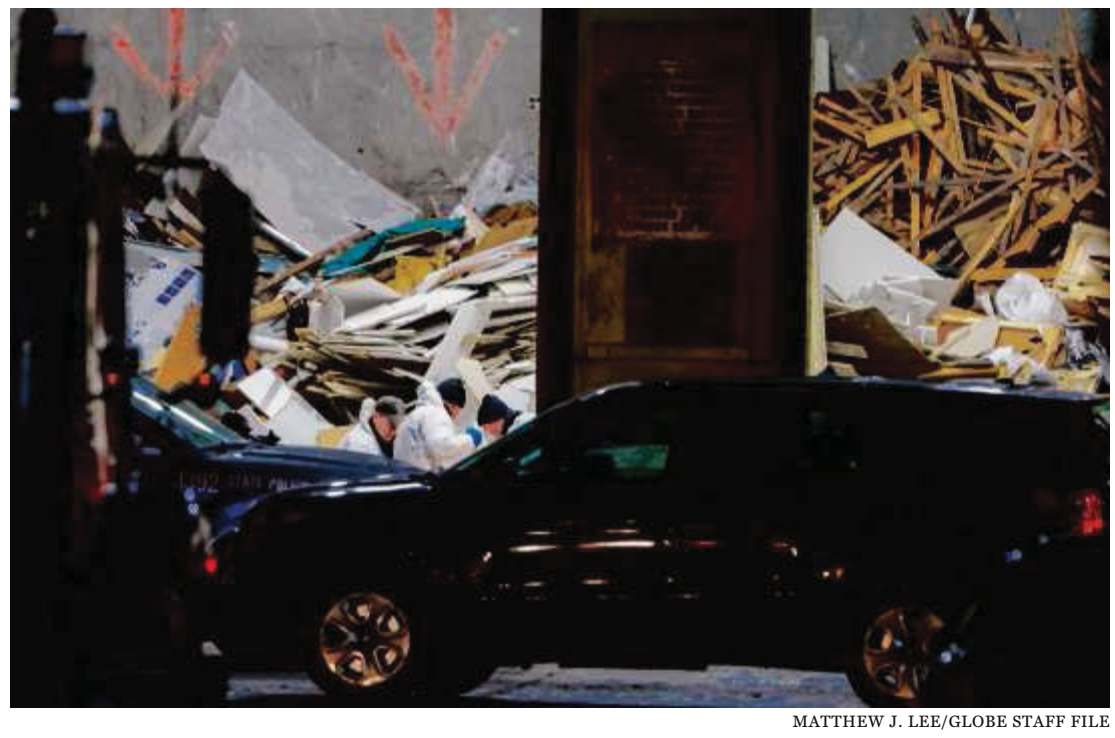

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State Police searched a number of places for evidence in the murder case, including at the Republic Services trash transfer station in Peabody.

'What a journey,' says new lawmaker

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Governor Maura Healey administered oaths of office to three more lawmakers in her suite Wednesday morning, bringing the 160-seat House up to 159 members in the middle of bill-filing week.

For Representative Margaret Scarsdale of Pepperell, the ceremony came just 15 hours after the House agreed to let her join its ranks following an in-depth examination of her seven-vote victory margin in last year's election.

"What a journey," she said after being sworn in.

Also sworn into office Wednesday were Representatives Patricia Haddad of Somerset and Erika Uyterhoeven of Somerville, who both missed the House's inaugural session on Jan. 4.

After the oaths had been taken, Haddad told Healey that "we're so proud to be the first to be sworn in by you." The rest of the House was sworn in by outgoing Governor Charlie Baker on his final full day in office.

Haddad told the news service that her absence from the Jan. 4 session came after her husband suffered a fall and she had to take him to a hospital emergency room. Uyterhoeven said she had been "really out" with a fever that week.

There was a remote participation option that at least one representative might have taken advantage of on Jan. 4. The speaker's office confirmed earlier this month that Representative Jon Santiago, who serves as an officer in the Army Reserve, has been away on a deployment. He was considered sworn-in two weeks ago.

Around a dozen other lawmakers crowded into the governor's office to watch Wednesday's ceremony along with other guests and members of the Governor's Council.

In the meantime, one House seat remains a question mark. The Second Essex District continues to be represented on a holdover basis by Republican Representative Leonard Mirra of Georgetown while a House special committee reviews a one-vote margin between the incumbent Mirra and challenger Kristin Kassner, a Hamilton Democrat.

It was that special committee that opened the door Tuesday evening for Scarsdale's swearing-in, with a report declaring her "properly elected and qualified."

PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF

Attorney General Andrea Campbell reiterated some of her campaign promises Wednesday.

Campbell makes history as first Black woman in AG role

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tackle for all than a woman with such personal and painful experience with fairness and justice," she said. "Know that Andrea Joy Campbell is here because of you, in every sense of the word."

Campbell, a Roxbury-born education lawyer and former president of the Boston City Council, campaigned on promises to reform the state's criminal justice system, close the wealth gap, and bring more equity to areas such as school funding.

In her address Wednesday, she spoke to residents in every region of the state, reiterating actions she has promised to take on during her first days in office, including protecting the state's elders, creating a gun safety enforcement office, and expanding the right to access abortions and reproductive care.

Campbell grew up in public housing and without parents for the first eight years of her life after her mother died in a car crash on her way to visit her father in jail. Her two brothers cycled through the criminal justice system, and her twin brother, Andre, died at 29 of an autoimmune disease while in state custody as a pre-trial detainee.

"I like to think of it as an impossible story made possible by the power and grace of God," she said in her inaugural address. "That a girl from a family who grew up in public housing in Roxbury in Boston could become the 45th attorney general of Massachusetts."

Campbell graduated from Boston Latin School, and went on to attend Princeton University and UCLA Law School. After several years in private practice, Campbell served as legal counsel to former governor Deval Patrick. She was elected to the Boston City Council in 2015, and in 2018 she was elected City Council president — the first Black woman to hold the title.

An excerpt from Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb," first read at President Biden's inauguration in 2021, was printed on the inside of the pamphlet for Wednesday's event.

"When day comes, we step out of the shade of flame and unafraid," it read. "The new dawn balloons as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

As of Wednesday afternoon, a committee created to fund the event had reported more than $117,000 in donations.

Outside the ballroom, attendees celebrated Campbell with champagne, small sandwiches, and miniature cups of clam chowder. A four-piece jazz band, flanked by white and gold balloons, provided accompaniment.

At one table, 8-year-old Zora Myers was focused on her "Black mermaids" coloring book while her mother, Manikka Bowman, watched on.

Bowman met Campbell at Emerge Massachusetts, a nonprofit that encourages Democratic women to run for office. At the time, she was running for Cambridge School Committee, and Campbell was running for Boston City Council. The two bonded over having young children, and Bowman said it was important to bring her daughter to witness the historic day.

"I'm just elated to see [Campbell] walk into her full potential," said Bowman, cofounder of Cambridge-based developer HarveyReed. "It's probably not fully realized yet. I think the best is yet to come."

Secretary of State William F. Galvin also took the oath of office Wednesday morning alongside his wife, Eileen, in a private ceremony inside the governor's ceremonial office. In doing so, he set the record as the longest-serving secretary in Massachusetts history, a point Galvin, 72, later shrugged off when asked if it brought any added meaning to the start of his eighth four-year term.

"Not really," the Brighton Democrat said.

Down the hall an hour later, state Treasurer Deborah Goldberg was sworn in for her third term in a crowded Senate chamber, where she was feted by legislative leaders and Healey.

Healey called Goldberg, 68, a "mentor," a steady fiscal manager for Massachusetts, and someone who is "great to have at a party," drawing laughter from the crowd. Senate President Karen E. Spilka praised Goldberg for leading the state's Lottery, calling it "the most successful in the nation." (By one count, Massachusetts residents spend more on lottery and scratch-off tickets than those in any other state.)

Auditor-elect Diana DiZoglio was scheduled to take her oath at Methuen High School Wednesday evening.

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Residents seeking changes after death

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self with a knife and a piece of broken glass, officials have said.

When officers arrived, they found Faisal behind a building on Sydney Street, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan said at a press conference that evening.

Faisal ran for several blocks around the neighborhood before circling back to Chestnut Street where he again encountered officers, Ryan said on Jan. 4.

Ryan said Faisal moved toward the officers with the knife after they asked him to drop the weapon. One officer fired a less-than-lethal sponge round but Faisal allegedly "continued to advance to the officers holding the knife at one point across his body and then holding it in front of him," at which point an officer fired a gun, striking Faisal, Ryan said.

The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure when a police officer fires a weapon. The shooting is under investigation, officials said.

Some residents question why the officers have not been publicly identified.

Releasing the names of the officers has been a focus of activists' demands, which were vocalized at a community meeting last Thursday, and protests organized by the Bangladeshi Association of New England over the last two weeks.

On Wednesday, Elow said withholding the officers' names is "more of a practice and not a policy."

"When there are egregious rule violations or potential criminal charges, you've seen the names of officers being released," Elow said. "In this particular case, I understand it's difficult, right now we are not seeing, preliminarily, any glaring policy violations."

Councilor Marc McGovern questioned Elow's explanation.

"It sounded like it was a written policy to not release an officer's name," said McGovern. "I got called out for that same policy. You're saying it's not a policy that's voted on."

Addressing councilors, Elow highlighted the training officers receive in de-escalation and nonviolent tactics and sought to reassure residents that the department is reviewing its practices.

"Our use-of-force policy is continually reviewed to ensure that it exceeds standards and best practices well before other agencies' proper timelines," Elow said.

Elow added that after implementing a requirement for police to take de-escalation and communication training called ICAT, Cambridge immediately saw a 22 percent reduction in use-of-force incidents.

But some residents said the department can do better. They called on the Council to divert police funding to the Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART), a public safety program that trains trauma-informed responders to answer mental health emergency calls.

"As a responder, as a member of this community ... however long they actually spent with Faisal and what they deemed 'de-escalating' wasn't enough time," said Kevin West, a trained crisis responder with Cambridge HEART. "I've trained for almost 350 hours in de-escalation methods and whatever their three-day training process is is not enough time to actually de-escalate a person."

City Manager Yi-An Huang reassured councilors and community members that the city will continue to work with Cambridge HEART on a crisis response partnership.

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Safety proposals offered for Boston schools

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the Citizens for Juvenile Justice, the Boston Teachers Union, and Mass. Advocates for Children published a statement decrying the proposal as ineffective and harmful to Black and Latino students.

Edith Bazile, a former BPS administrator and executive director of Black Advocates for Educational Excellence, one of the signers of the statement, criticized the consultant's proposals.

"Police officers are not teachers and I think they are sidestepping the obligatory responsibilities to provide safe academic learning environments," Bazile said. "That really makes me sad to hear that, that *that* is the innovative thinking they have, on the heels of students returning from a traumatic event — and they don't have a plan of [violence] prevention."

Violence must be responded to, but bringing in police is ineffective and results in the criminalization of Black and Latino students, Bazile said.

Another signer, Ruby Reyes, director of the Boston Education Justice Alliance, said the recommendations would be "going backwards."

"We've already lived through this. The results of this are, a child was deported," Reyes said, referring to a school incident report that helped lead to an East Boston student's deportation in 2017.

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BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper.

"I can't believe these are the recommendations from the Council of Great City Schools," Reyes said. "They shouldn't be sharing information with police."

Hart said the information-sharing recommendation is about a "joint understanding of what is going on in the community," not about "individual students."

"This report is going to help us as we continue to improve our efforts to ensure the safety of all students and staff," Superintendent Mary Skipper said. "We're committed to doing everything we can to learn from the report to create a safe learning environment for our students."

The full report was not released Wednesday. According to the summary, findings regarding the district's emergency management protocols will be presented to the School Committee in a closed-to-the-public executive session so that district vulnerabilities, like active shooter protocols, are not exposed.

"We are actively reviewing the potential risks identified within the report," Skipper said in a statement before the meeting.

The consultant also had recommendations regarding the district's existing safety services, according to the presentation. The consultant called on the district to reduce how long it takes to hire safety specialists and to work to improve morale among safety staff.

Some of the recommendations in the report are already underway, the district said, including discussions with the police around a memorandum of understanding, the recruitment of more safety specialists, and efforts to improve safety specialist morale.

Skipper noted that the district asked the consultant for a "high-level management view" of its safety protocols, specifically including the relationship with Boston Police, but the report does not cover all student safety efforts in the district.

"It does not discuss in detail strategies such as restorative justice, increasing and supporting school counselors, or wraparound supports, all of which are critical to ensuring the BPS community's holistic safety," she said.

According to the presentation, other key findings in the report include:

■ The district takes too long to hire for security-related roles, resulting in candidates taking other jobs.

■ Since police were taken out of district schools in the summer of 2021, staff said they spend more time addressing safety concerns and less time in the classroom.

■ The 2020 Police Reform Bill, a Massachusetts law that required additional training for school police, has resulted in confusion around the responsibilities of the district versus that of the police.

The recommendations drew a range of questions from the School Committee both on specific issues like where law enforcement records are housed or what sort of focus group would be formed and on general matters like why the report was produced in the first place.

"Do we have a clear understanding of what we consider to be the state of the problem?" member Brandon Cardet-Hernandez asked. "I'm a little confused around what we're looking to solve."

District officials said that the report was mandated by the state and that they are seeking to implement best practices in general.

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THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON February 7, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2022-56. **Petitioner/ Owner:** MICOL, LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Variances. **Subject Matter:** Petitioner proposes to demolish the existing building and to construct, use and maintain a hotel with a restaurant, a banquet hall and parking thereon. The building shall also contain an owner's residence. **Location and Zoning District:** 210 Moody Street, Business C Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §3.537, §4.11, §4.12(9) §4.12(13), §4.241 and §5.91. **Specific Relief Sought:**
1. §4.11 states that buildings in a Business C Zoning District shall have a rear yard setback of 25 feet. Here, the proposed setback shall be 0 feet.
2.§4.11 states that the City Council may grant a special permit for intensity of use for a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 2.5. Here, the Petitioner proposes a FAR of 3.45.
3.§4.11 states that buildings in a Business C District shall have a maximum zoning height of 65 feet. Here, the proposed height shall be 67 feet.
4.§4.241 states that where the side of a building in a business district abuts a conservation-recreation zoning district, there shall be provided on such lot, in the less restricted district, a side yard of one-half (1/2) the height of the building or 25 feet, whichever is greater. Here, the lot and its side yard to the north abuts a Conservation-Recreation Zoning District. Half the height of the proposed building is 33.5 feet, which is greater than 25 feet, therefore a 33.5-foot side yard is required. Here a side yard of 0 feet is proposed.
5.§4.12(13) states that in a business C Zoning District no new structure may be constructed within 10 feet of a public pedestrian way of at least five feet in width if said public way is used for access to a parking area, public open space or public building. Here, a new structure shall be constructed within 0 feet of a public way on the north side of building.
6. (a) §4.12(9) refers to §3.537 for required open space when seeking a special permit for intensity of use.
(b) §3.537 stares that when seeking a special permit for intensity of use in the Business C District there is a base requirement of 15% open space which increases proportionally with the requested increase in FAR, with a maximum requirement of 37.5%. The increased FAR for this project would require the maximum open space of 37.5%. Here, the Petitioner proposes to have 0% open space.
7. §5.91 states that any building erected in a Business District for commercial purposes shall be designed to provide an area at least 70 feet x 12 feet immediately adjacent to the building for off-street loading and unloading of motor vehicles delivering or receiving goods. Here, the Petitioner proposes to use the street parking on Moody Street directly in front of the building during the off-hours for loading and unloading.

Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** Michael Cotton, Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

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Compagnie Hervé Koubi will perform "What the Day Owes to the Night" as part of the Winter Dance Fest.

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Power and fragility

French choreographer Hervé Koubi kicks off Global Arts Live's Winter Dance Fest Saturday

By Karen Campbell
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Internationally known, Hervé Koubi is considered one of the preeminent choreographers from France. Yet arguably, what has most influenced his work over the past decade is reconnecting to his family's roots in Algeria, exemplified in his work "What the Day Owes to the Night." On Jan. 21, he and his Compagnie Hervé Koubi present a new re-creation of the roughly 75-minute work at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre as part of Global Arts Live's Winter Dance Fest 2023.

A work for 13 men, "What the Day Owes to the Night" is a fluidly organic fusion of break-dance, capoeira, martial arts, and contemporary dance that is as poetically mesmerizing as it is athletically virtuosic. Bare-chested men in long white flowing split skirts spin on their heads and twirl like dervishes, tumbling and vaulting into soaring leaps and blind drops into outstretched arms. But instead of the competitive bravado one might expect, it unfolds with a sense of communal ritual, vulnerability, and trust, evoking the ever-shifting patterns and mercurial energy of desert sands.

Global Arts Live founder and director of artistic programs Maure Aronson calls the ensemble "incredibly powerful." He says, "I recall the first time I saw them in a small showcase in New York City. I was sitting very close to the dancers, and the energy that came off that stage was almost overwhelming. I was moved in a way that I hadn't been in a long time and thought: I have to bring them to Boston."

And so he did, in sold-out performances in 2016 and 2018 at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston. He says the upcoming presentation of "What the Day Owes to the Night" at the larger Majestic Theatre will allow more people to see the work.

"It was an absolute hit with audiences in Boston and it's been reworked with a different cast of dancers. I hear it's even better than the first version, though that's hard to imagine." The ensemble includes nationalities ranging from Algeria and Morocco to Italy and Spain, all contributing distinctive skills, techniques, and personalities. In addition, this iteration of the work has new music and choreographic elements.

COMPAGNIE HERVÉ KOUBI
"What the Day Owes to the Night"
Presented by Global Arts Live at Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre
Jan. 21. 617-876-4275, www.globalartslive.org

Partly inspired by Yasmina Khadra's 2008 novel of the same name, "What the Day Owes to the Night" is intensely personal for Koubi. Born and raised in France, he was 25 years old before his father, on his deathbed, shared experiences of his native Algeria during the country's complicated war for independence from France. These new revelations of family history spurred the young dancer/choreographer to journey to Algeria in 2009 to more deeply connect with his roots and the country's dark history.

Traveling alone there, he found community in local dancers. He held auditions and assembled a group of 12 Algerian street performers, forming a company and creating his most famous work, "What the Day Owes to the Night." His company has toured it, often along with Koubi's more recent pieces, for over a decade. "It was an important little revolution of my career," Koubi says.

While Koubi's initial inspiration for the work was an exploration of his own identity, he says the new re-creation has a more global vision, embracing not just his own history but focusing on our common humanity. "With all the current problems with migration, it is important to pay tribute to our mutual history between the shores of the Mediterranean Basin," he says.

"The first links were connected to the choreography of Arabic culture, and I found inspiration in that. The new project makes movement links between different people and finds connections." Even the costumes have been updated to include lace, which Koubi says "symbolizes all the threads that come together to create a new fabric."

The score for "What the Day Owes to the Night" is symbolic as well, drawing from influences as wide-ranging as sacred Sufi music and Bach's "St. John Passion." Koubi sees it as a kind of dialogue between the east and the west.

While he has no specific expectation for how audiences will receive the work, he hopes they tap into the sense of urgency and emotion with which he offers it.

"I want them to make their own opinions, but I hope they come out of the theater moved. It's not just an athletic performance, but at the end there's a meaning, that [humanity] is much older than our nations and religions. I love when people say two things after a performance – that they feel we are connected whatever our origins, and that all the men dancers are powerful but not afraid to show fragility and femininity."

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Sculpture wins prestigious architecture prize

By Abigail Lee
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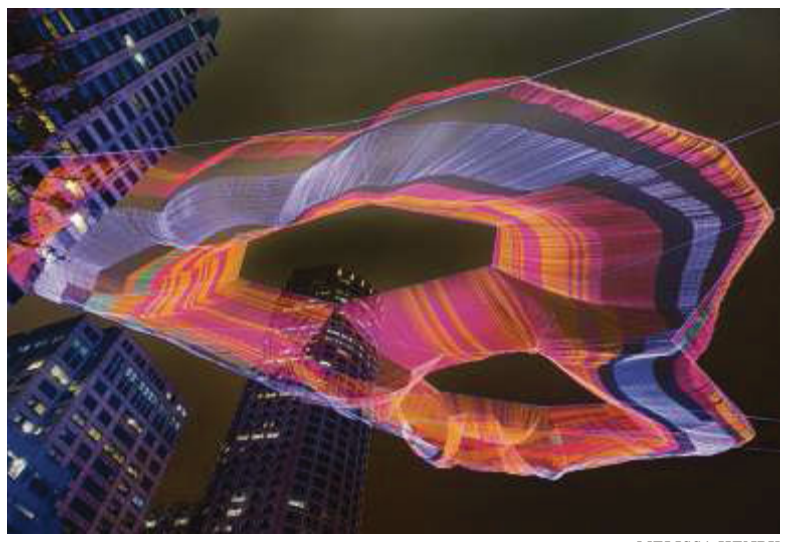
The Boston Society for Architecture announced Wednesday that Janet Echelman's 2015 sculpture "As if It Were Already Here," which hung above the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway that summer, is the 2022 recipient of its highest honor, the Harleston Parker Medal. It's the first time the medal has been awarded to an artist and to an ephemeral work.

The award, founded in 1921, is given annually to "the most beautiful piece of architecture, building, monument, or structure built in the metropolitan Boston area in the past 10 years," according to the BSA's website. A jury of architects and non-architects considers submissions against the Framework for Design Excellence, established by the American Institute of Architects, of which BSA is a chapter. BSA has traditionally recognized buildings, making this a departure from previous years.

"It certainly sets the precedent and sort of helps redefine what shapes space," said BSA President Andrea Love of the jury's choice.

Echelman's sculpture, one of five finalists for the Harleston, was commissioned by the Greenway Conservancy's public art program and on display from May 3 to Oct. 25 in 2015. The shimmering, knotted sculpture, attached between buildings, incorporated more than 100 miles of twine and weighed about 1 ton. It combined ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene with polyester fibers and LED lighting, according to Echelman's website.



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Janet Echelman's "As if It Were Already Here" hung above Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway from May 3 to Oct. 25 in 2015.

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The jury debated the sculpture's ephemerality and colorful craftsmanship, said Eric White, BSA executive director. "They described it as reminiscent of [a] child's blown soap bubbles that are connected to memory and history," he said.

Within the 10-point Design Excellence framework, the sculpture strongly exhibited the "Design for Equitable Communities" standard, Love said, given its function as a public artwork that "brought people together."

Echelman said she found that the sculpture encouraged people to interact with the Greenway and with each other. She said she heard frequent anecdotes from observers, including workers in the Greenway area who would carve out time in their day to watch the sculpture flow in the air. One woman told her the presence of the sculpture made her feel safer.

"I loved that it changed the pattern of daily life; it became a part of people's lives," Echelman said.

Even the name of the sculpture came about organically. The morning of the installation, someone made a comment that it felt as if the sculpture had always existed. "As if It Were Already Here" symbolizes "the phenomena of humans imagining a reality that does not yet exist," Echelman said.

The capacity for imagination in cities is crucial to Echelman, who said she was surprised to win the Harleston because she is not an architect. The recognition speaks to the cross-pollination that can happen between fields, she said.

"Boston has an incredible confluence of creativity that bridges multiple disciplines," she added.

Echelman lived on and off in the Boston area from 1983 to 2020, moving back to Florida during the pandemic, but she travels back often for her work: She is currently a visiting artist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 2024, Princeton Architectural Press will publish a book on Echelman's work called "Radical Softness: The Responsive Sculpture of Janet Echelman," edited by Gloria Sutton, an associate professor at Northeastern University.

"Merging craft and computation, Echelman's works make a powerful argument for the vital role of public art, transforming invisible histories into textile structures that breathe new life into often overlooked urban spaces," Sutton said in a statement.

Winning the Harleston for "As if It Were Already Here" shows how art can endure through memory, Echelman said.

"What's meaningful to me is how it shines a light on how ephemeral experiences can live robustly in our minds even after its physical presence is gone," Echelman said.

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Mumford & Sons, Bon Iver, and Leon Bridges to headline Beach Road Weekend

By Abigail Lee
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The Beach Road Weekend music festival will return to Veterans Memorial Park on Martha's Vineyard Aug. 25-27, with Mumford & Sons, Bon Iver, and Leon Bridges scheduled to headline.

"It's the ideal blend of folk, rock, and soul that [gives] everyone those great beach vibes we all hope to have all summer long," said Beach Road Weekend founder Adam Epstein in a press release.

The lineup also includes the bands Japanese Breakfast, Alvvays, the Head and the Heart, and St. Paul & the Broken Bones, among others. Solo artists Regina Spektor, Gary Clark Jr., Mary Chapin Carpenter, Gregory Porter, and Kevin Morby will also take the stage.

Veterans Memorial Park is located at 10 Causeway Road, Vineyard Haven.

Three-day general admission tickets start at $275. Presale tickets will be available Jan. 23, with public sales beginning on Jan. 27. Sign up for the presale at beachroadweekend.com/tickets.

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With Taylor Hall and David Krejci looking for any rebound, Brad Marchand (not shown) beats Islanders goalie Semyon Varlamov in the third.

Road show

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Bruins goalie Linus Ullmark flashes the glove to deny Anthony Beauvillier in the first period.

Bruins overwhelm Islanders for victory

By Kevin Paul Dupont
GLOBE STAFF

Bruins 4
Islanders 1

ELMONT, N.Y. — Dog days? In the thick of the grinding 82-game regular season, the Bruins Wednesday night continued to chew through the opposition, overcoming an early 1-0 deficit and powering their way to a 4-1 victory over the Islanders at UBS Arena.

Defensemen Charlie McAvoy and Derek Forbort had one goal apiece at even strength, and Brad Marchand ripped home a power-play strike early in the third period, leading the league-leading Bruins to their third consecutive win.

Trent Frederic added an insurance goal at even strength with 4:22 remaining.

Linus Ullmark, red hot in net from the start of the season, turned back 27 shots and improved his league-best record to 24-2-1 with the 100th victory of his NHL career. The Swedish stopper, now in his second season with the Black and Gold, won 26 games all last season.

Bruins captain Patrice Bergeron was felled by

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Outfielder Duvall agrees to deal with Sox

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

The Red Sox' outfield just added a much-needed power bat.

The Sox agreed to a one-year, $7 million deal with veteran outfielder Adam Duvall, a league source confirmed. He can make an additional $3 million in bonuses.

Duvall, 34, is more than capable of playing center field, which opens up the opportunity for the club to put Kiké Hernández at shortstop.

After the announcement that middle infielder Trevor Story had elbow surgery, the Red Sox said they were open to the option of Hernández vacating center field to strengthen the team's depth and improve the infield defense. However, Hernández moving from the outfield would also create a weakness there. The Duvall signing, the Red Sox hope, can alleviate some of those issues.

Duvall's righthanded power is something the Red Sox desperately need. His 2022 season was marred by injury after he tore a tendon sheath in his wrist July 23 and missed the rest of the year with the Braves. He hit .213/.276/.401 in 76 games, but .255/.317/.618 with 10 homers in his final 34 games before being shelved.

In 2021, he posted career highs of 38 homers and 113 RBIs for Atlanta, with 29 homers coming from June through the end of the season. Even though Duvall hit just .228 that season, he managed an .800 OPS as a result of his ability to slug.

Duvall will join a team whose team-high in homers last year came from Rafael Devers with 27 and that ranked 20th in home runs with just 155 on the year. Even with Duvall, the Sox could struggle again in that area — perhaps more — without Xander Bogaerts and J.D. Martinez, and maybe Story.

Although Bogaerts and Martinez did not reach the 20-homer mark last year, they both remained a power threat.

The Duvall signing won't fill all of those voids. However, at the very least, the Sox have an outfield bat with pull-side power who could fit well at Fenway. He's familiar with the park, having blasted three home runs in one game there with the Braves in 2020 in a 7-5 win over the Red Sox.

Duvall has spent his entire nine-year career in the National League, beginning in 2014 with San Francisco, the organization that drafted him in the 11th round out of Louisville. He spent most of his time with the Giants in the minors, appearing in just 28 games before being shipped to Cincinnati in a trade deadline deal

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Longtime Celtic Ford dies at 74

He won a title in 1981, hit NBA's first 3-pointer

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

When Celtics rookie Dee Brown made his NBA debut in November 1990, he was briefly overwhelmed by his surroundings. He looked to the post and saw Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. He looked to the perimeter and saw Larry Bird.

This first-round pick from Jacksonville University was being tasked with fitting in with all three future Hall of Famers. It was a lot. But rookie coach Chris Ford, who had won a title playing with Boston's Big Three before coaching them to two more as an assistant, ensured that Brown did not feel out of place.

"He helped me out a lot being around them and being the new guy on the block," Brown said Wednesday. "He helped me navigate those relationships.

"And being the point guard, those guys always thought they were open. And he'd say, 'Dee, you're the point guard. You've got to speak your mind and talk up.'

"He helped me with that and gave me the platform to do that. He helped me to see that I did belong on the floor with those guys."

Ford, who died Tuesday at the age of 74, had an ability to connect that resonated with his former players and teammates.

"Chris was such an important part of our success, as a teammate, coach and friend," Bird said in a statement.

Ford's family gave no cause of death in a statement released through the Celtics. Ford leaves his wife, Kathy; children Chris Jr., Katie, Anthony, and Michael; and seven grandchildren.

The Atlantic City native was selected by the Detroit Pistons in the second round of the 1972 draft after a standout career at Villanova.

He was traded to the Celtics in 1978 and

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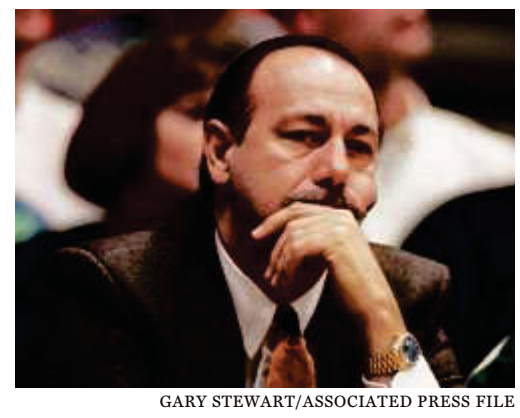

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Chris Ford was part of three Celtics NBA titles, one as a player, two as an assistant.

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Defending Australian Open champ Nadal (above) suffers hip injury and is KO'd. **C2**

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Patriots' search for offensive coordinator revs up with familiar faces set to interview. **C4**

CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

This used to be Brady's and Belichick's time

Gods do not answer letters. However, even gods must answer to expiration dates.

Tom Brady and Bill Belichick are finding that out. Neither man looked like his legendary self this season. Both displayed signs of decline. Both are sidelined instead of on the sidelines for the NFL's divisional playoff round this weekend, a rarity.

This will be just the fifth time since the 2001 season that Brady and Belichick are spectators on Divisional Weekend. It happened in 2002 (Brady's first full season as a starter), 2008 (Brady tore his ACL), 2009, and 2019 (Brady's final miserable slog in Fort Foxborough).

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This is just the fifth time since the 2001 season Tom Brady and Bill Belichick are spectators on Divisional Weekend.

Divisional Round is a Fab Four

BEN VOLIN

ON FOOTBALL

Hopefully the weather won't be too nice this weekend. It will be a great one for football fans to stay inside on the couch.

The NFL's Divisional Round is often considered the best weekend of football all season, and this weekend's slate is no exception. Four terrific matchups are on tap — Jaguars-Chiefs and Giants-Eagles on Saturday, Bengals-Bills and Cowboys-49ers on Sunday. The best teams, best quarterbacks, and four intriguing matchups rife with drama and story lines.

If you like new faces and young gunslingers, this weekend is a dream. This marks the first season since 2002 that the Divisional Round doesn't feature Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, Peyton Manning, or Ben Roethlisberger. The oldest quarterback remaining is Dak Prescott, at the ripe old age of 29. The average age of 25 years,

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Hampered by bad hip, Nadal bounced early

By Howard Fendrich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MELBOURNE — Rafael Nadal bowed his head during changeovers and rested his elbows on his knees, the very picture of resignation.

What already was a poor start to 2023, following a year marred by all manner of health issues, reached a low point at the Australian Open on Wednesday.

The defending champion and No. 1 seed at Melbourne Park, Nadal injured his left hip and lost to Mackenzie McDonald, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5, in the second round, abruptly ending his bid for a record-extending 23rd Grand Slam trophy.

"It's a tough moment. It's a tough day," said Nadal, a 36-year-old Spaniard. "I can't say that I am not destroyed mentally at this moment, because I would be lying."

He pulled up awkwardly at the end of a point late in the second set against the 65th-ranked McDonald.

Nadal was visited by a trainer on the sideline, then left the court for a medical timeout. Up in the stands, his wife wiped away tears. Nadal returned to play, but was clearly compromised and not his usual indefatigable self, saying afterward that he could not hit his backhand properly and could not run much, either.

But Nadal added that, as the reigning champion of the tournament, he did not want to leave the court via a mid-match retirement.

He said the hip had been bothering him for a couple of days, but it was never as bad as it became on Wednesday. Nadal was not sure exactly what the nature of the injury was, saying that he will have medical tests to determine if it has to do with a muscle, joint or cartilage.

" 'It's never over until it's over' type thing. He didn't even want to roll over and quit. He kept fighting until basically the end, even though he maybe didn't have all his game," said McDonald, a 27-year-old who won NCAA championships in singles and doubles for UCLA in 2016.

"I was in the locker room," McDonald said about the aftermath of the match, "and I was like, 'Hey, that's actually really big for me, because I haven't beaten someone of that caliber.' "

This is Nadal's earliest exit at any Grand Slam tournament since bowing out in the first round in Melbourne in 2016 against No. 45 Fernando Verdasco. That also made Verdasco the lowest-ranked player to defeat Nadal in Australia — until, of course, McDonald.

McDonald has never been past the fourth round at a major tournament. In his lone previous matchup against Nadal, at the 2020 French Open, McDonald won a total of just four games in a lopsided loss.

"He kicked my butt," McDonald recalled.

This result overshadowed everything else going on in Melbourne, of course, on a day that persistent rain pushed back the start of play on all but the three courts with retractable roofs.

That meant some players — most notably, No. 1 Iga Swiatek, No. 3 Jessica Pegula, and No. 6 Maria Sakkari — won matches that put them in the third round before more than a dozen others even had contested a single point in the first round.

At night, 2022 French Open runner-up Coco Gauff got past 2021 US Open champion Emma Raducanu, 6-3, 7-6 (4), in a second-round meeting between two of the sports young stars.

"I know a lot of people were looking forward to that matchup," said Gauff, an 18-year-old American. "I'm glad we got the prime spot. I hope we delivered."

Seeded men who won included No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas, No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime, No. 7 Daniil Medvedev — the runner-up to Nadal last year and to Novak Djokovic in 2021 — No. 15 Jannik Sinner, and No. 16 Frances Tiafoe.

"I told him, 'You're going to be in a position to win today. You can win today," Tiafoe said about fellow American McDonald.

"Sort of seeing how he feels, I'm happy for Mackie. 'GOAT wins' don't come easy. Something to tell his grandkids one day, and you have to be happy for that guy."

A year ago, Nadal won the Australian Open for the second time to earn his 21st major championship, then raised his total to 22 — the most for a man — at Roland Garros.

Montgomery wants defensemen to attack — and they did

By Kevin Paul Dupont
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BRUINS NOTEBOOK

ELMONT, N.Y. — The Bruins continue to lead the NHL in scoring, the metric that matters most other than wins, and they've been doing it virtually without any year-over-year uptick in production from their defensemen.

Over 82 games last season, the backliners scored 31 times, led by **Charlie McAvoy** with a career-high 10. After Wednesday night's 4-1 win over the Islanders, the Black-and-Gold blue liners have tallied 19 times in 44 games — a total that projects to 35 for the season.

McAvoy missed the first 13 games this season, time he needed to recover from offseason shoulder surgery, in part explaining why he has only three goals (3-24—27), even with a goal and an assist Wednesday night.

Forever looking for more scoring, coach **Jim Montgomery** 2-3 weeks ago gathered his defensemen together and pointed out that they could help more on the attack. One way, he told them, was for the weak-side defenseman to create back-door chances by sliding down into the faceoff circle. He also reminded them to look for opportunities to pinch down low in the attack zone.

In short, the message to the backliners: Be bold.

"I think we've seen an uptick in the amount of offensive-zone time and how much our defensemen are helping our offense as a whole," said Montgomery, noting the turnaround began at the start of the recent West Coast trip (Jan. 5).

"We made an emphasis on a couple of things we kind of wanted to add to our team, different things we could do to help, and I think it's paid off. We've seen our defensemen get more comfortable in those areas — a little bit of success, but we expect more."

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Derek Forbort, who scored in the second, lunges to knock the puck away from Islanders forward Brock Nelson.

Over the last five games, the Bruins have five goals from the back line, goals from McAvoy and **Derek Forbort** against the Islanders, plus a **Hampus Lindholm** strike in Anaheim and a pair by **Matt Grzelcyk**, including the game-winner vs. the Maple Leafs Saturday night.

"It's something we all try to do," said McAvoy. "We all make an effort to stay involved offensively, to keep plays alive, and it's nice that Monty and the coaching staff show you stuff on video, to try and help you find ways to stay involved offensively to keep plays alive — something we've been working on and looking at for a few weeks now. Hopefully we can just keep getting involved."

Rooting interest

McAvoy, who grew up nearby in Long Beach, reminisced about his childhood after the morning workout at UBS Arena.

A rabid Rangers fan as a kid, he built a large collection of Rangers sweaters and proudly wore them when he and his father rode the Long Island Railroad to games at Madison Square Garden.

"I had so many Ranger jerseys, man," recalled the 25-year-old McAvoy. "I had a [**Brian**] **Leetch** jersey, a [**Wayne**] **Gretzky** jersey, [**Adam**] **Graves** . . . and then later on it was [**Jaromir**] **Jagr**, Prucha . . . "

Petr Prucha? The Czech left winger, hardly a name the equal of the other bunch, played only 3½ seasons with the Blueshirts.

"Yeah, how funny is that?" said McAvoy. "I just liked the No. 25, and at that point I was wearing it in youth hockey, so I had to get that.

"So . . . too many to count. But it was always special with my dad, at Christmas time he would get me a new jersey every year."

An old scribe noted to McAvoy that he made his first trip on the LIRR here Wednesday, venturing out from Manhattan's Penn Station, then switching to a connecting train at the Jamaica/JFK stop. Part of the run traced the tracks he and his dad took so many times.

"Some would say you just started living," the young defenseman said to the old scribe.

Koppanen back in

As planned, **Joona Koppanen**, recalled Tuesday from AHL Providence, slipped into **Tomas Nosek's** spot as the No. 4 pivot. Nosek has been dealing with a nagging upper-body injury since late December. "We liked Koppanen's first game, and this gives him another opportunity to get another NHL game," said Montgomery. "It's more having an eye on what's ahead than right now. And he was good for us, so we wanted to see him again."

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Bruins 4, Islanders 1

At UBS Arena, Elmont, N.Y.

FIRST PERIOD
Penalty — Boston, Pastrnak (cross check) 2:02
Penalty — NY Islanders, Fasching (tripping) 11:23
NY Islanders 1, Boston 0 — Parise 13 (Aho, Pageau) 15:41
Penalty — Boston, McAvoy (hi stick) 18:16

SECOND PERIOD
NY Islanders 1, Boston 1 — McAvoy 3 (Grzelcyk, Coyle) 7:48
Boston 2, NY Islanders 1 — Forbort 3 (Krejci, Zacha) 11:00
Penalty — Boston, Pastrnak (tripping) 15:49
Penalty — NY Islanders, Nelson (roughing) 16:15

THIRD PERIOD
Penalty — Boston, Bergeron (hi stick) 0:43
Penalty — NY Islanders, Aho (tripping) 4:22
Boston 3, NY Islanders 1 — Marchand 15 (Pastrnak, McAvoy) 5:03 (pp)
Penalty — Boston, Koppanen (tripping) 5:36
Penalty — NY Islanders, Dobson (cross check) 12:48
Boston 4, NY Islanders 1 — Frederic 10 (Coyle, Smith) 15:38
Penalty — Boston, Lindholm (delay of game) 18:40
Penalty — Boston, Zacha (holding) 20:00

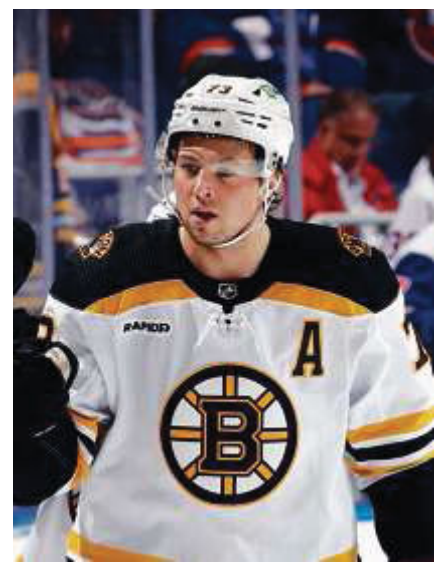
SCORE BY PERIOD

Boston	0	2	2	—	4
NY Islanders	1	0	0	—	1

SHOTS BY PERIOD

Boston	6	9	9	—	24
NY Islanders	10	10	6	—	26

Power plays — Boston 1 of 4; NY Islanders 0 of 6.
Goalies — Boston, Ullmark 24-2-1 (26 shots-25 saves). NY Islanders, Varlamov 8-5-1 (24 shots-20 saves).
Referees — Wes McCauley, Francois St.Laurent. **Linesmen** — Libor Suchanek, Dan Kelly.
Attendance — 17,255 (17,113). **Time** — 2:22.



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With the Bruins trailing, 1-0, in the second period, defenseman Charlie McAvoy scored the equalizer.

Bruins overwhelm Islanders for road win

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friendly fire, a deflected David Pastrnak slapper that ricocheted into his face at the 4:26 mark of the third.

The 37-year-old pivot, looking to be in a great amount of pain, needed help getting off the ice and making his way to the dressing room. But to his teammates' great relief, and perhaps amazement, he quickly returned to the bench for active duty, albeit with what looked like gauze stuffed into his right nostril.

"I know the puck got deflected, but it hit him up high, in the face," said coach Jim Montgomery. "The admiration I have and everybody has for him, coming back to help the team win is immense. We're hoping all the X-rays come back good."

Montgomery was vague about the reason for X-rays. One possibility would be that the puck caused a fracture of the cheekbone.

"You just hope it's not an eye," added Montgomery, noting what he was thinking the moment Bergeron was felled. "Or a severely broken nose or something, whatever the case may be. We're up in the game, 3-1, he knows that, and he's back in the locker room — and still, he comes back right away. Just a tremendous amount of respect for his toughness and his pride in the Spoked-B. Hopefully, all the X-rays will come back positive for us."

The McAvoy and Forbort goals left the Bruins with a 2-1 lead after 40 minutes. Marchand's goal on the advantage, the knockout punch for the Fish Sticks, came at 5:03 of the third. The Bruins are now 24-0-1 this season when entering the third period with a lead. The Bruins take on the Rangers Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. They are 14-1-3 in their last 18 games.

Asked if he might be inclined to give his captain a night off vs. the Rangers, Montgomery said, "I'm going to let Bergeron make that decision. If he is healthy and everything is good, I'll let him make that decision."

Rangers thumbnails

- **When, where:** Thursday, 7 p.m., at Madison Square Garden, New York.
- **TV, radio:** NESN, WBZ-FM (98.5).
- **Goals:** Mika Zibanejad 20, Chris Kreider 19, Vincent Trocheck 13.
- **Assists:** Adam Fox 36, Artemi Panarin 35, Zibanejad 26.
- **Goaltending:** Igor Shesterkin (20-7-6, 2.43 GAA), Jaroslav Halak (5-6-1, 2.69).
- **Head to head:** This is the second of three meetings. The Bruins won the first, 5-2, Nov. 3 in New York.
- **Miscellany:** The Rangers are 6-1-1 over their last eight games . . . Kreider has missed the last three games because of an upper-body injury . . . The Rangers allow 2.62 goals per game, fifth-fewest in the NHL . . . Panarin has scored on all four of his shootout attempts this season.

Ullmark, who will back up Jeremy Swayman Thursday night, briefly reflected on his season.

"It has been overwhelming — I'm not going to lie — it has been a different kind of a season, definitely," he said. "And it has taken a lot of me mentally to, you know, keep going and not be satisfied. Because it's hard, to have the luxury at this part of the season to be at this point and . . . usually, you are at this point (24 wins) at the end of the season. I have a lot of gratitude for all the boys in here who go to work every single night."

The Islanders, desperate to stay relevant in the chase for a wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference, moved to a 1-0 lead on Zach Parise's 13th goal of the season.

Parise, trailing into the zone off the rush up the left side, connected with a sizzling one-time slapper from the top of the circle. But the key play belonged to defenseman Sebastian Aho, who collected a pass from Jean-Gabriel Pageau and then flicked a smooth backhand feed Parise's way from the left wall.

Once again, if not for Ullmark's exceptional work in net, the Bruins would have been looking at a two- or three-goal deficit after the first 20 minutes. Instead, Ullmark keep the damage to 1-0, leaving the Bruins in position to mount a push in the second period.

Most of the first period was spent in Boston's end of the ice. The Islanders finished with a 9-6 edge in shots on net, and a lopsided 24-11 advantage in shot attempts. Sometimes stats are telling.

The push began with McAvoy's goal, 7:48 into the middle period, off a feed from Matt Grzelcyk.

In keeping with Montgomery's urgings of late, Grzelcyk was bold on the attack, carrying the puck behind the offensive net and dishing a pass from the goal line and into the slot. The charging McAvoy rushed in and unloaded a one-time slapper, blowing it by netminder Semyon Varlamov for the 1-1 equalizer.

McAvoy, now with three goals for the season, had not scored since Nov. 23.

A little more than three minutes later, at the 11:00 mark, Forbort potted his third of the season, nudging the puck across the goal line after Pavel Zacha unloaded a big shot from the high slot. The puck loose around Varlamov's feet, Forbort banged it home after advancing deep into the zone from his spot at left defense.

Forbort had not put one in the net since Nov. 13, when he potted a shorthander in what ended as the Bruins' 4-3 shootout win over the Islanders.

In both cases, the goals were prime examples of the offense Montgomery has wanted to see from his defensemen. He has told them to pinch more when they see the chances and, above all, keep pucks live in the offensive zone.

But by keeping pucks live, Montgomery noted, he does not want his charges to interpret that as a sign just to fire more pucks on net.

"I don't like the [term] 'throwing it to the net,' " he said. "If there's people at the net, I like throwing it at the net. If there's no one at the net, I'd rather hang on to it."

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
Boston	**44**	**35**	**5**	**4**	**74**	**33**	**170**	**95**
Toronto	45	27	11	7	61	27	152	121
*Tampa Bay	42	28	13	1	57	27	152	122
Florida	46	21	20	5	47	20	152	158
Buffalo	43	21	19	3	45	20	163	150
Detroit	43	18	17	8	44	17	134	149
Ottawa	44	20	21	3	43	19	131	143
Montreal	45	19	23	3	41	15	120	163
METROPOLITAN	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	44	27	9	8	62	24	141	120
New Jersey	44	29	12	3	61	28	156	116
NY Rangers	45	25	13	7	57	23	144	120
Washington	47	24	17	6	54	24	150	133
Pittsburgh	44	22	15	7	51	21	143	135
NY Islanders	46	23	19	4	50	23	137	128
Philadelphia	45	19	19	7	45	19	127	145
Columbus	44	13	29	2	28	12	111	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
*Dallas	45	26	12	7	59	25	156	119
Winnipeg	45	29	15	1	59	29	148	118
Minnesota	43	25	14	4	54	22	138	120
Nashville	44	21	17	6	48	19	122	128
*Colorado	42	22	17	3	47	19	131	121
St. Louis	45	22	20	3	47	19	141	160
Arizona	44	14	25	5	33	12	119	161
Chicago	42	12	26	4	28	12	98	157
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	45	28	15	2	58	25	147	130
Seattle	44	26	14	4	56	26	161	139
Los Angeles	46	25	15	6	56	21	154	157
Edmonton	46	25	18	3	53	25	169	151
*Calgary	45	21	15	9	51	20	140	135
*Vancouver	43	18	22	3	39	15	149	170
*San Jose	45	13	23	9	35	12	137	172
Anaheim	45	12	28	5	29	9	105	190

* — Not including late game; ROW — Regulation plus overtime wins

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 4	**at NY Islanders 1**	Tampa Bay	at Vancouver
At Ottawa 5	Pittsburgh 4 (OT)	Dallas	at San Jose
Colorado	at Calgary		

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston at NY Rangers	**7**	Nashville at St. Louis	8
Anaheim at Columbus	7	Tampa Bay at Edmonton	9
Winnipeg at Toronto	7	Washington at Arizona	9
Florida at Montreal	7	Detroit at Vegas	10
Chicago at Philadelphia	7	New Jersey at Seattle	10
Minnesota at Carolina	7	Dallas at Los Angeles	10:30
NY Islanders at Buffalo	7:30		

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

At Toronto 5	Florida 4 (OT)	At Nashville 2	Columbus 1
At Montreal 4	Winnipeg 1	At Chicago 4	Buffalo 3 (OT)
At Philadelphia 5	Anaheim 2	At Edmonton 5	Seattle 2
Minnesota 4	at Washington 2	At Arizona 4	Detroit 3 (SO

SENATORS 5, PENGUINS 4

Pittsburgh	2	1	1	0	— 4
Ottawa	2	1	1	1	— 5

First period — 1. Pittsburgh, Zucker 12 (Pettersson, Malkin), 6:36. 2. Ottawa, DeBrincat 15 (Batherson, Chabot), 7:44 (pp). 3. Ottawa, Stuetzle 20 (Tkachuk), 9:44 (pp). 4. Pittsburgh, Malkin 16 (Smith, Crosby), 15:23 (pp). Penalties — Zucker, Pit (holding), 0:45. Carter, Pit, double minor (hi stick), 7:09. Watson, Ott (interference), 10:14. Norris, Ott (boarding), 13:11. Gambrell, Ott (tripping), 14:04. Friedman, Pit (roughing), 15:51.

Second period — 5. Pittsburgh, Friedman 1 (Pettersson, Crosby), 3:07. 6. Ottawa, Batherson 14 (Tkachuk, Chabot), 9:19 (pp). Penalties — Kapanen, Pit (hooking), 7:55. Malkin, Pit (holding), 12:44. Rust, Pit (roughing), 19:19. Rust, Pit (hooking), 19:19.

Third period — 7. Ottawa, Pinto 11 (Tkachuk, Giroux), 10:58 (pp). 8. Pittsburgh, Rakell 16 (Crosby, Malkin), 12:33 (pp). Penalties — Bernard-Docker, Ott (roughing), 7:31. Joseph, Pit (cross check), 9:10. , Ott, served by Tkachuk (too many men on ice), 11:30.

Overtime — 9. Ottawa, Tkachuk 16 (Stuetzle, Chabot), 0:25. Penalties — None.

Shots on goal — Pittsburgh 11-3-5-1 — 20. Ottawa 18-11-10-1 — 40.

Power plays — Pittsburgh 2-5; Ottawa 4-9.

Goalies — Pittsburgh, DeSmith 6-9-3 (40 shots-35 saves). Ottawa, Talbot 11-12-1 (20 shots-16 saves).

Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Ghislain Hebert. Linesmen — Jonny Murray, Scott Cherrey.

A — 17,106 (19,153). T — 2:30.

OILERS 5, KRAKEN 2

Tuesday night game

Seattle	1	0	1	—	2
Edmonton	1	2	2	—	5

First period — 1. Seattle, Sprong 15 (Schultz, Burakovsky), 3:11 (pp). 2. Edmonton, McDavid 38 (Draisaitl), 14:08. Penalties — Ceci, Edm (tripping), 1:35. Desharnais, Edm (elbowing), 7:00. Geekie, Sea (slashing), 10:02. Dunn, Sea (slashing), 17:58.

Second period — 3. Edmonton, Ryan 6 (Desharnais, Holloway), 3:15. 4. Edmonton, Foegele 5 (Draisaitl, Hyman), 12:30. Penalties — Barrie, Edm (delay of game), 14:02.

Third period — 5. Seattle, Dunn 9 (Wennberg), 0:22. 6. Edmonton, Hyman 21, 1:23. 7. Edmonton, McLeod 6 (Holloway, Hyman), 9:18. Penalties — McCann, Sea (hooking), 1:59. Desharnais, Edm (slashing), 18:33.

Shots on goal — Seattle 7-14-10 — 31. Edmonton 13-9-11 — 33.

Power plays — Seattle 1-4; Edmonton 0-3.

Goalies — Seattle, Jones 21-6-3 (33 shots-28 saves). Edmonton, Campbell 13-8-1 (31 shots-29 saves).

Referees — Jean Hebert, Trevor Hanson. Linesmen — Caleb Apperson, Joe Mahon.

A — 18,183 (18,347). T — 2:26.

LEADERS

Not including yesterday's games
SCORING

	G	A	Pts.
McDavid, Edm	38	46	84
Draisaitl, Edm	26	44	70
Pastrnak, Bos	35	27	62
Kucherov, TB	17	45	62
Robertson, Dal	29	31	60
Thompson, Buf	32	27	59
Karlsson, SJ	14	44	58
Tkachuk, Fla	22	34	56
Hughes, NJ	29	26	55
Connor, Wpg	22	32	54
Marner, Tor	16	38	54
Rantanen, Col	29	24	53
Nugent-Hop, Edm	21	32	53
Ovechkin, Was	30	22	52

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AIR BALL — Hawks guard Trae Young (center) takes flight over Josh Green and Reggie Bullock of the Mavericks in the first half.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
Boston	33	12	.733	—	W 7	17-5	19-8
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	4½	W 3	17-7	17-10
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	5	L 3	13-7	20-8
New York	25	21	.543	8½	L 2	11-13	16-12
Toronto	20	25	.444	13	L 1	14-11	14-18
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Streak**	**Home**	**Conf.**
Milwaukee	29	16	.644	—	W 2	18-5	17-12
Cleveland	28	18	.609	1½	L 1	19-4	17-8
Indiana	23	23	.500	6½	L 5	15-9	16-12
Chicago	20	24	.455	8½	W 1	12-10	16-13
Detroit	12	35	.255	18	L 2	6-16	4-21
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Streak**	**Home**	**Conf.**
Miami	25	21	.543	—	W 1	14-9	10-13
Atlanta	23	22	.511	1½	W 4	12-9	16-15
Washington	19	26	.422	5½	W 1	11-10	12-15
Orlando	16	28	.364	8	L 2	10-12	7-18
Charlotte	12	34	.261	13	W 1	5-16	5-23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
*Sacramento	24	18	.571	—	W 4	14-9	12-9
Golden State	22	22	.500	3	W 1	17-5	13-9
*LA Clippers	23	23	.500	3	L 1	13-11	13-14
Phoenix	21	24	.467	4½	L 3	14-7	18-13
*LA Lakers	20	24	.455	5	W 1	11-10	9-15
SOUTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Streak**	**Home**	**Conf.**
Memphis	31	13	.705	—	W 11	20-3	15-10
New Orleans	26	19	.578	5½	L 2	17-6	16-10
Dallas	24	22	.522	8	L 3	16-7	18-10
San Antonio	14	31	.311	17½	W 1	9-15	5-24
Houston	10	35	.222	21½	L 12	6-15	5-26
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Streak**	**Home**	**Conf.**
*Denver	31	13	.705	—	W 7	20-3	23-9
*Utah	23	24	.489	9½	W 1	14-8	17-14
*Minnesota	22	23	.489	9½	L 1	14-10	14-14
Okla. City	22	23	.489	9½	W 4	14-9	10-12
Portland	21	23	.477	10	L 1	11-8	15-14

* — Not including late game

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 130	at Dallas 122	At Memphis 115	Cleveland 114
Washington 116	at New York 105	LA Clippers	at Utah
Miami 124	at New Orleans 98	Minnesota	at Denver
Charlotte 122	at Houston 117	Sacramento	at LA Lakers
At Okla. City 126	Indiana 106		

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Golden St. at BOSTON	7:30	Brooklyn at Phoenix	10
Chicago at Detroit	3	Philadelphia at Portland	10
Toronto at Minnesota	8		

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

At Milwaukee 130	Toronto 122	At Denver 122	Portland 113
At San Antonio 106	Brooklyn 98	Philadelphia 120	at LA Clippers 110

WIZARDS 116, KNICKS 105

WASHINGTON

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Porzingis	33	6-17	6-6	5-11	5	6	22
Kuzma	36	11-24	1-3	3-13	7	3	27
Gafford	17	3-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	6
Morris	31	5-10	0-0	2-7	5	3	13
Beal	29	7-11	3-3	1-4	4	0	18
Kispert	15	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	5
Hachimra	20	0-7	0-0	0-1	1	3	0
Wright	22	3-8	4-4	2-5	4	1	11
Avdija	29	6-11	0-1	3-7	1	3	14
Gibson	9	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Totals		42-95	16-19	18-52	28	23	116

FG%: .442, FT%: .842. 3-pt. goals: 16-42, .381 (Porzingis 4-9, Kuzma 4-12, Morris 3-6, Beal 1-1, Kispert 1-2, Hachimura 0-6, Wright 1-3, Avdija 2-3). Team rebounds: 15. Team turnovers: 14 (17 pts.). Blocks: 9 (Porzingis 2, Kuzma, Gafford, Morris, Beal, Wright 2, Avdija). Turnovers: 13 (Porzingis 3, Kuzma 4, Gafford 2, Beal 2, Hachimura, Wright). Steals: 5 (Kuzma, Gafford, Wright 2, Avdija).

NEW YORK

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Randle	34	6-17	2-5	7-15	4	5	14
Barrett	38	9-21	3-4	1-7	2	3	21
Robinson	9	0-0	0-4	2-2	0	0	0
Grimes	31	5-10	1-2	1-2	1	0	14
Brunson	38	11-24	8-8	1-3	4	1	32
Quickley	32	6-13	4-4	1-5	0	4	18
Hrtenstin	13	2-6	0-0	3-4	0	1	4
Toppin	14	0-1	0-0	1-5	0	0	0
J.Sims	21	1-2	0-0	2-4	2	6	2
McBride	11	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Totals		40-96	18-27	20-49	14	20	105

FG%: .417, FT%: .667. 3-pt. goals: 7-26, .269 (Randle 0-5, Barrett 0-4, Grimes 3-7, Brunson 2-3, Quickley 2-6, McBride 0-1). Team rebounds: 5. Team turnovers: 9 (6 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Robinson 2, J.Sims 2). Turnovers: 9 (Randle 2, Barrett 4, Grimes, Brunson, Quickley). Steals: 9 (Randle, Barrett, Robinson 2, Grimes, Brunson 2, Quickley, McBride). Technicals: def. 3-second, 11:26/3rd.

Washington	35	21	32	28	—	116
New York	22	26	30	27	—	105

A — 19,164 (19,763). T — 2:13. Officials — Ed Malloy, Tre Maddox, Andy Nagy.

GRIZZLIES 115, CAVALIERS 114

CLEVELAND

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Okoro	33	6-6	1-2	0-3	1	2	17
E.Mobley	39	9-15	0-2	4-15	3	2	18
Allen	36	6-9	2-5	5-8	0	4	14
LeVert	41	9-19	1-1	0-4	6	0	23
Garland	39	7-17	5-6	0-5	14	3	24
Osman	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Love	9	1-6	3-3	0-1	0	0	6
Rubio	12	2-7	2-2	1-4	3	0	7
Stevens	17	2-2	0-0	1-4	0	4	5
Neto	7	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	1	0
Totals		42-82	14-21	11-47	29	17	114

FG%: .512, FT%: .667. 3-pt. goals: 16-35, .457 (Okoro 4-4, E.Mobley 0-1, LeVert 4-7, Garland 5-11, Osman 0-1, Love 1-5, Rubio 1-5, Stevens 1-1). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 19 (26 pts.). Blocks: 7 (Okoro 2, E.Mobley 2, Allen 2, LeVert). Turnovers: 16 (Okoro, E.Mobley 6, Allen 2, LeVert 4, Garland 2, Stevens). Steals: 4 (E.Mobley, LeVert, Garland 2).

MEMPHIS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Brooks	31	4-12	0-0	1-3	0	1	8
Jacksn Jr.	28	5-13	3-4	2-7	1	5	15
Adams	28	6-8	1-2	5-10	4	3	13
Morant	33	9-19	6-9	0-2	8	1	24
Bane	32	8-17	4-4	2-4	4	2	25
Konchar	13	1-4	0-0	0-4	1	1	2
Williams	17	1-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	3
Aldama	20	6-8	0-0	0-2	0	1	16
Jones	18	1-6	0-0	1-3	2	1	2
Clarke	20	3-7	1-1	4-7	1	3	7
Totals		44-97	16-22	15-42	22	19	115

FG%: .454, FT%: .727. 3-pt. goals: 11-34, .324 (Brooks 0-5, Jackson Jr. 2-6, Morant 0-3, Bane 5-8, Konchar 0-2, Williams 0-1, Aldama 4-6, Jones 0-3). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 8 (12 pts.). Blocks: 7 (Brooks, Jackson Jr. 4, Aldama, Clarke). Turnovers: 8 (Brooks 2, Adams, Morant, Bane 2, Konchar, Aldama). Steals: 10 (Jackson Jr. 2, Adams, Morant, Bane, Aldama, Jones, Clarke 3).

Cleveland	30	31	30	23	—	114
Memphis	31	37	21	26	—	115

A — 16,892 (18,119). T — 2:06. Officials — Curtis Blair, Tyler Ford, Mousa Dagher.

HAWKS 130, MAVERICKS 122

ATLANTA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Hunter	25	4-9	2-2	0-2	2	5	11
Collins	34	8-14	0-0	0-5	3	4	19
Okongwu	25	4-6	3-4	2-5	1	4	11
Young	35	5-11	8-8	0-4	12	0	18
Murray	38	12-18	2-2	1-7	4	4	30
Bgdnovic	33	5-13	0-0	1-3	5	3	12
Capela	23	7-10	2-2	3-6	0	1	16
Griffin	22	3-4	2-2	0-2	0	2	10
Johnson	6	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	3
Totals		49-86	19-20	7-35	28	23	130

FG%: .570, FT%: .950. 3-pt. goals: 13-26, .500 (Hunter 1-3, Collins 3-5, Young 0-1, Murray 4-6, Bogdanovic 2-8, Griffin 2-2, Johnson 1-1). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 12 (17 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Collins 2, Okongwu, Capela). Turnovers: 12 (Hunter 2, Collins, Okongwu 3, Young 4, Murray, Bogdanovic). Steals: 7 (Young 3, Murray, Bogdanovic, Capela, Johnson).

DALLAS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Finney-Smith	35	3-9	2-2	6-9	3	1	9
Wood	35	9-17	1-1	1-9	4	5	22
Powell	22	2-2	2-2	1-2	1	2	6
Dnwiddie	39	8-18	0-2	1-4	7	1	20
Doncic	39	9-19	10-12	0-4	8	3	30
Bullock	36	7-11	0-0	0-2	2	5	18
Green	20	3-3	2-4	1-1	1	1	9
Bertans	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
McGee	3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	3
Hardy	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Totals		44-84	18-24	10-31	26	19	122

FG%: .524, FT%: .750. 3-pt. goals: 16-42, .381 (Finney-Smith 1-6, Wood 3-7, Dinwiddie 4-10, Doncic 2-8, Bullock 4-7, Green 1-1, Bertans 1-2, Hardy 0-1). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 16 (21 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Wood 2, Hardy). Turnovers: 16 (Finney-Smith, Wood, Dinwiddie 3, Doncic 7, Bullock, Green, McGee 2). Steals: 5 (Wood, Dinwiddie 2, Bullock, Green).

Atlanta	40	25	33	32	—	130
Dallas	37	25	35	25	—	122

A — 20,125 (19,200). T — 2:19. Officials — Scott Foster, Justin Van Duyne, Leon Wood.

76ERS 120, CLIPPERS 110

Tuesday night game

PHILADELPHIA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Tucker	27	2-3	0-0	2-4	0	3	6
Harris	35	8-12	2-4	1-6	6	4	20
Embiid	33	12-22	15-18	3-9	3	2	41
Melton	21	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	1	5
Harden	32	1-6	4-4	0-3	9	1	6
Maxey	28	7-12	5-5	0-2	2	2	22
Niang	19	3-4	0-0	0-4	1	0	9
Milton	16	1-3	2-2	0-0	2	1	4
Harrell	12	1-2	1-1	1-2	0	1	3
Thybulle	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Reed	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Korkmaz	3	2-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	4
Springer	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
House Jr.	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		39-73	29-34	8-33	25	17	120

FG%: .534, FT%: .853. 3-pt. goals: 13-31, .419 (Tucker 2-3, Harris 2-4, Embiid 2-5, Melton 1-4, Harden 0-4, Maxey 3-5, Niang 3-4, Milton 0-1, House Jr. 0-1). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 15 (13 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Embiid 2, Harden, Harrell). Turnovers: 14 (Harris, Embiid 5, Harden 3, Maxey, Milton 2, Harrell, Thybulle). Steals: 12 (Tucker, Harris 5, Melton 2, Harden, Maxey, Milton, Springer). Technicals: def. 3-second, 7:13/2nd, def. 3-second, 2:05/3rd.

LA CLIPPERS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Morris Sr.	27	3-7	2-2	0-1	2	2	9
Leonard	36	10-20	5-7	1-4	1	2	27
Zubac	35	5-7	2-2	2-9	1	3	12
Mann	32	5-10	0-0	2-4	4	1	12
George	29	5-11	2-3	1-8	4	4	13
Powell	25	4-11	5-6	0-0	0	1	16
Batum	20	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	4	8
Cvington	7	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	0
Jackson	14	3-5	0-0	0-1	4	1	7
Brown	9	2-2	0-0	1-3	0	2	4
Coffey	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Preston	3	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	2
Totals		41-82	16-20	8-33	20	23	110

FG%: .500, FT%: .800. 3-pt. goals: 12-34, .353 (Morris Sr. 1-4, Leonard 2-6, Mann 2-6, George 1-4, Powell 3-7, Batum 2-4, Covington 0-1, Jackson 1-1, Preston 0-1). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 19 (24 pts.). Blocks: 5 (Leonard, Zubac 2, Mann, Batum). Turnovers: 18 (Morris Sr., Leonard 3, Mann, George 5, Powell 3, Batum, Covington 2, Brown 2). Steals: 4 (Leonard, George, Powell, Jackson).

Philadelphia	34	29	27	30	—	120
LA Clippers	27	25	37	21	—	110

A — 15,155 (19,060). T — 2:25. Officials — Ben Taylor, Kevin Cutler, JT Orr.

HEAT 124, PELICANS 98

MIAMI

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Martin	35	3-7	2-2	0-3	0	1	10
Butler	27	8-13	2-3	1-3	7	1	18
Adebayo	31	11-15	4-6	3-8	1	2	26
Lowry	22	3-5	0-1	2-8	4	1	7
Herro	24	6-13	2-2	0-4	7	0	14
Oladipo	25	3-6	0-0	0-5	4	3	7
O.Rbnson	17	4-7	2-2	2-4	1	5	10
Strus	27	6-13	0-0	1-2	10	2	16
Vincent	26	6-14	0-0	0-5	3	2	16
Highsmth	6	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals		50-94	12-16	10-43	37	17	124

FG%: .532, FT%: .750. 3-pt. goals: 12-35, .343 (Martin 2-4, Butler 0-1, Lowry 1-3, Herro 0-7, Oladipo 1-2, Strus 4-10, Vincent 4-8). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 11 (8 pts.). Blocks: 2 (Adebayo, Oladipo). Turnovers: 9 (Martin 2, Butler 2, Adebayo 2, Lowry, Herro, Strus). Steals: 11 (Martin 3, Adebayo 2, Lowry, Herro 2, O.Robinson 2, Highsmith).

NEW ORLEANS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Mrphy III	29	2-9	0-0	0-3	3	0	5
Marshall	32	4-13	3-3	0-5	4	1	12
Valncuns	25	8-11	2-3	4-10	0	3	18
Daniels	33	4-8	1-1	1-6	3	2	9
McCllum	31	8-17	0-0	0-2	4	5	21
Alvarado	25	4-9	0-0	0-1	1	1	11
Nance Jr.	17	1-2	0-2	1-2	6	0	2
Hrngómz	11	2-3	3-5	2-3	2	1	7
Graham	20	2-3	0-2	0-3	3	3	6
Temple	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Lewis Jr.	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
Hayes	6	1-3	2-2	1-2	0	0	4
Totals		37-80	11-18	9-38	27	17	98

FG%: .463, FT%: .611. 3-pt. goals: 13-30, .433 (Murphy III 1-6, Marshall 1-5, Daniels 0-1, McCollum 5-9, Alvarado 3-5, Graham 2-2, Lewis Jr. 1-1, Hayes 0-1). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 18 (24 pts.). Blocks: 3 (McCollum, Alvarado 2). Turnovers: 18 (Murphy III, Marshall, Valanciunas 4, Daniels 5, McCollum 3, Alvarado, Hernangómez, Graham, Lewis Jr.). Steals: 5 (Murphy III 2, Daniels, McCollum, Hernangómez). Flagrant fouls: McCollum, 2:34/2nd.

Miami	36	34	28	26	—	124
New Orleans	23	28	25	22	—	98

A — 17,736 (16,867). T — 2:05. Officials — Zach Zarba, Jacyn Goble, Nate Green.

HORNETS 122, ROCKETS 117

CHARLOTTE

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
McDniels	35	6-11	0-0	0-4	3	1	12
Wshingtn	37	7-11	0-5	2-8	2	2	16
Plumlee	29	6-8	5-6	3-9	1	3	17
La.Ball	20	4-16	3-3	1-1	4	1	13
Rozier	38	11-24	1-1	0-2	6	3	26
Smith Jr.	29	2-8	5-6	1-2	7	3	9
Thor	11	1-4	0-0	1-1	1	1	2
McGwens	21	3-4	2-3	2-4	3	3	10
Williams	19	8-10	1-1	1-6	0	3	17
Totals		48-96	17-25	11-37	27	20	122

FG%: .500, FT%: .680. 3-pt. goals: 9-36, .250 (McDaniels 0-5, Washington 2-5, La.Ball 2-8, Rozier 3-12, Smith Jr. 0-2, Thor 0-1, McGowens 2-3). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 10 (6 pts.). Blocks: 10 (McDaniels, Washington 3, Rozier, Williams 5). Turnovers: 9 (McDaniels 2, La.Ball 3, Rozier 2, Smith Jr., McGowens). Steals: 14 (McDaniels 5, Washington 3, Plumlee 3, Rozier 2, Smith Jr.). Technicals: def. 3-second, 11:45/4th.

HOUSTON

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Smith Jr.	23	3-7	2-2	0-5	1	0	8
Martin	32	4-8	0-1	2-7	3	4	11
Sengun	39	10-16	4-4	5-12	6	4	24
Gordon	31	4-10	2-3	0-2	2	3	11
Green	40	16-24	5-6	0-5	7	2	41
Tate	24	1-4	2-2	0-4	1	5	4
Christphr	11	4-6	0-0	0-1	0	0	8
Garuba	9	0-1	0-2	2-5	0	2	0
Eason	19	3-11	0-0	3-5	1	1	7
Mathews	13	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	3
Totals		46-91	15-20	12-47	21	22	117

FG%: .505, FT%: .750. 3-pt. goals: 10-32, .313 (Smith Jr. 0-3, Martin 3-4, Sengun 0-1, Gordon 1-5, Green 4-10, Tate 0-1, Christopher 0-1, Eason 1-3, Mathews 1-4). Team rebounds: 12. Team turnovers: 20 (29 pts.). Blocks: 5 (Smith Jr., Sengun, Gordon, Tate, Christopher). Turnovers: 19 (Smith Jr. 2, Sengun 3, Gordon 4, Green 4, Tate, Christopher 2, Garuba, Eason 2). Steals: 4 (Sengun 2, Gordon, Garuba).

Charlotte	36	17	30	39	—	122
Houston	31	29	24	33	—	117

A — 15,678 (18,023). T — 2:10. Officials — Sean Wright, Brett Nansel, Cheryl Flores.

THUNDER 126, PACERS 106

INDIANA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Hield	19	1-4	0-0	0-2	3	1	3
Mathurin	22	4-10	2-2	0-5	0	2	13
Turner	20	3-4	0-0	1-3	0	2	7
Nesmith	18	3-8	2-4	1-2	0	2	9
Nembhrd	27	7-16	2-2	2-5	7	4	18
Bitadze	6	0-3	2-4	3-3	0	0	2
Taylor	16	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	2	4
Brissett	22	1-11	2-2	4-6	3	0	5
McCnnell	25	5-7	0-0	0-0	6	1	10
Duarte	22	4-11	1-2	1-5	3	2	11
Jackson	17	4-6	3-6	4-7	0	2	11
Queen	23	5-11	2-2	4-9	1	1	13
Totals		39-94	16-24	20-48	23	19	106

FG%: .415, FT%: .667. 3-pt. goals: 12-33, .364 (Hield 1-4, Mathurin 3-6, Turner 1-1, Nesmith 1-3, Nembhard 2-4, Taylor 0-1, Brissett 1-6, Duarte 2-5, Queen 1-3). Team rebounds: 17. Team turnovers: 24 (36 pts.). Blocks: 10 (Turner 6, Brissett, Queen 3). Turnovers: 23 (Hield 3, Mathurin 2, Turner 4, Nesmith 2, Nembhard, Bitadze, Taylor 2, Brissett, McConnell, Duarte 2, Jackson, Queen 3). Steals: 9 (Turner, Nembhard 2, Bitadze, Taylor, Brissett, McConnell 2, Queen). Technicals: .

OKLAHOMA CITY

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Jal.Will	34	4-10	2-2	2-6	6	4	11
Dort	28	8-14	3-4	2-11	1	3	22
K.Willims	22	5-8	0-0	3-5	10	2	12
Giddey	30	8-12	0-0	3-6	11	6	16
G-Alxndr	30	7-17	8-9	1-3	6	2	23
Jay.Will	16	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	5
Joe	22	7-12	2-2	0-4	1	2	23
Wiggins	26	5-10	0-1	1-1	4	2	10
Mann	17	1-4	0-0	1-3	1	1	3
Muscala	10	0-2	0-1	0-2	0	0	0
Bazley	6	0-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		47-93	16-21	13-42	41	25	126

FG%: .505, FT%: .762. 3-pt. goals: 16-38, .421 (Jal.Williams 1-4, Dort 3-5, K.Williams 2-4, Giddey 0-2, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-4, Jay.Williams 1-1, Muscala 0-1, Bazley 0-1). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 19 (15 pts.). Blocks: 7 (Jal.Williams, Dort, K.Williams 2, Giddey, Joe, Mann). Turnovers: 17 (Jal.Williams, K.Williams, Giddey 5, Gilgeous-Alexander 2, Jay.Williams 5, Wiggins, Mann, Bazley). Steals: 12 (Jal.Williams 4, Dort, K.Williams, Giddey, Gilgeous-Alexander 3, Joe 2).

Indiana	20	24	29	33	—	106
Oklahoma City	36	22	42	26	—	126

A — 14,748 (18,203). T — 2:08. Officials — Josh Tiven, Mitchell Ervin, John Conley.

LEADERS

Not including Wednesday's games

SCORING

	FG	FT	Pts.	PPG
Doncic, DAL	454	330	1351	33.8
Embiid, PHI	370	333	1110	33.6
Tatum, BOS	**438**	**319**	**1337**	**31.1**
Antetkounmpo, MIL	382	296	1085	31.0
G-Alexander, OKC	405	377	1226	30.7
James, LAL	393	157	1010	29.7
Durant, BKN	410	267	1158	29.7
Lillard, POR	287	237	938	29.3
Mitchell, CLE	390	206	1135	28.4
Morant, MEM	351	225	989	27.5
Young, ATL	336	305	1068	27.4
Brown, BOS	**407**	**174**	**1086**	**27.2**
DeRozan, CHI	381	291	1069	26.1
Irving, BKN	306	110	820	25.6
Siakam, TOR	307	231	892	25.5
Jokic, DEN	378	208	999	25.0
Markkanen, UTA	349	213	1034	24.6
Randle, NYK	369	244	1100	24.4
LaVine, CHI	336	164	957	23.9
Edwards, MIN	387	186	1076	23.9

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	Att.	Pct.
Claxton, BKN	215	295	.729
Gobert, MIN	199	293	.679
Plumlee, CHA	199	303	.657
Poeltl, SAS	189	298	.634
Allen, CLE	213	338	.630
Jokic, DEN	378	603	.627
Zubac, LAC	175	281	.623
Okongwu, ATL	166	268	.619
Sabonis, SAC	286	469	.610
Williamson, NOP	285	469	.608
Davis, LAL	255	429	.594
Gordon, DEN	245	416	.589
Bol, ORL	193	330	.585
Ayton, PHX	296	507	.584
Sengun, HOU	235	417	.564

REBOUNDS

	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.
Sabonis, SAC	124	393	517	12.6
Antetokounmpo, MIL	80	338	418	11.9
Gobert, MIN	129	319	448	11.5
Adams, MEM	193	249	442	11.3
Jokic, DEN	81	358	439	11.0
Vucevic, CHI	92	389	481	10.9
Randle, NYK	98	380	478	10.6
Zubac, LAC	145	308	453	10.3
Adebayo, MIA	115	290	405	10.1
Portis, MIL	115	337	452	10.0
Nurkic, POR	95	295	390	10.0
Plumlee, CHA	154	288	442	9.8
Allen, CLE	117	256	373	9.8
Embiid, PHI	58	265	323	9.8
Valanciunas, NOP	124	305	429	9.8

ASSISTS

	G	Tot.	Avg.
Haliburton, IND	40	409	10.2
Jokic, DEN	40	392	9.8
Young, ATL	39	381	9.8
Doncic, DAL	40

NFL

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Interviews begin with familiar faces

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The Patriots have kicked their search for an offensive coordinator into high gear, with faces familiar to **Bill Belichick** — **Bill O'Brien**, **Nick Caley**, **Keenan McCardell**, and **Adrian Klemm** — taking center stage this week.

According to multiple reports, including on NBC Sports Boston and NFL Media, O'Brien could be in line for a return to Foxborough, where he coached in various roles from 2007-11, including offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in his final season.

A native New Englander and St. John's Prep alum, O'Brien left the Patriots to take the head coaching position at Penn State, where he helped guide the program through the **Joe Paterno** scandal and subsequent sanctions.

In 2014, he began a six-plus-season run with the Houston Texans, leading them to four AFC South titles.

He was fired following an 0-4 start in 2020 and has been the OC/quarterbacks coach at Alabama the last two seasons. His current contract expires at the end of February, fueling speculation of a return to the Patriots.

During his media availability at the Sugar Bowl last month, O'Brien said he hadn't had any contact with the Patriots since the spring when he stopped by the facility to say hi to friends. He said then any talks with NFL clubs "will take place when they take place."

Caley, who has served on the Patriots staff since 2015 and as the club's tight ends coach since 2017, interviewed for the OC position Wednesday, according to NFL Media.

Like many Patriots predecessors (including **Josh McDaniels** and **Nick Caserio**), Caley is a product of John Carroll University.

Caley, who interviewed with the Jets earlier in the week, is considered a rising star in the coaching ranks for his intelligence and preparedness. He has mentioned several times that becoming an NFL head coach is a goal.

Among other things, Caley helped coach **Rob Gronkowski** and **James Develin** to Pro Bowl berths in 2017.

After a lengthy playing career as a receiver, including four seasons with Belichick in Cleveland, McCardell joined the coaching ranks in 2010. He has been the Vikings' receivers coach the last two seasons, helping **Justin Jefferson** become one of the NFL's emerging superstars.

"I have so much respect for Keenan and I'm really proud to have coached him," Belichick told reporters in 2005, while praising McCardell's work ethic and attitude. "He really understands route techniques and has a very good understanding of the passing game and has great hands. So wherever you throw the ball to Keenan, he's going to catch it. It could be behind him, low, high, it doesn't really matter."

According to an ESPN report, the Patriots also plan to interview Klemm, who was the first player drafted by Belichick in New England. The former offensive lineman is an associate head coach/run game coordinator/offensive line coach at the University of Oregon.

Looking ahead

The Patriots signed linebacker **Olakunle Fatukasi** to a futures contract. Originally an undrafted rookie from Rutgers, Fatukasi signed with the Buccaneers and collected six special teams tackles in 13 games. He was released Dec. 13 and finished the 2022 season on the Broncos' practice squad . . . The Senior Bowl announced that Patriots defensive line coach **DeMarcus Covington** will serve as the American squad's defensive coordinator. This means the Patriots will have a presence at both major college showcase games, as the many of the club's coaches will help coach the East West Shrine Bowl . . . The Patriots tried out punters **Cody Grace** (Arkansas State) and **Ben Griffiths** (Southern Cal).

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Nick Caley, who has served on the Patriots staff since 2015, is considered a rising star in the coaching ranks.

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Jakobi Meyers has been the Patriots' leading receiver for the past three seasons, with third-down conversions a specialty.

PATRIOTS POSITIONAL ANALYSIS: WIDE RECEIVERS

Meyers should be a top target

He's a free agent worth keeping

By Jim McBride
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Jakobi Meyers has been the top target for New England quarterbacks the last three seasons. The front office should follow suit and target him this offseason.

Over the last four campaigns, Meyers has developed into one of the most reliable — and clutch — receivers in the NFL. To wit: Of his 235 career catches, 137 have resulted in first downs.

Meyers built a rapport with Tom Brady in 2019 before becoming the go-to guy for Cam Newton in 2020 and Mac Jones the last two seasons.

His combination of size (6 feet 2 inches, 200 pounds), savvy (few are better at finding soft spots in the defense), and subtle savagery (watch his downfield blocking) make Meyers one of the most desirable free agent pass catchers on the market.

In a Patriots receiving corps that underachieved for much of the last three seasons, Meyers was the exception. For his career, he has collected those 235 passes for 2,758 yards (an 11.7-yard average) and 8 touchdowns.

Meyers is one of the most respected players in the building for his toughness, accountability, and leadership. He fought through several injuries (knee and shoulder at least), took responsibility when things went awry (think Vegas), and had his teammates' backs (he stood up for Jones when the Bailey Zappe chants broke out at Gillette).

"He's a tough kid, mentally, physically," Bill Belichick said earlier this month. "He's shown a lot of leadership and competitiveness like he always does. So, yeah, I'm glad we have him. Glad he's out there. I know he's had to fight through some things, so have a lot of other guys. But he's done a good job of that."

Keeping Meyers, who won both the Ed Block Courage and media Good Guy awards this season, should be a priority.

Kendrick Bourne has another year left on his deal, and getting him more involved (he dropped from 55 catches in 2021 to 35 in 2022) should be a point of emphasis for the new offensive coordinator.

When fully engaged, Bourne is a triple threat (he can catch, run, and throw), and there's always a spot for a guy like that.

DeVante Parker showed flashes of his deep-threat ability (he averaged 17.4 yards on 31 grabs), but injuries (knee, concussion) sidetracked him. He finished strong (6 catches, 79 yards, 2 TDs in Buffalo) and that bodes well for next season.

Tyquan Thornton started his rookie season on injured reserve, missing the first four games with a concussion. He ended up with 22 catches for 247 yards. Unlocking his game-changing speed in 2023 will be another bullet point for the offensive staff.

Nelson Agholor has had a quiet 68-catch, 835-yard two-year run in New England and likely will be lining up in a new NFL outpost in 2023.

Kristian Wilkerson was having a strong camp when a concussion from a blindside cheap shot during a joint practice with the Panthers ended his season. Tre Nixon has signed a futures contract. Both will be camp competitors.

Hunter Henry was again one of New England's top producers, with 41 catches for 509 yards and 2 TDs for two-season totals of 91-1,112-11. The tight end has one year left on his deal. and extending one of Jones's trusted running mates seems like good business.

Simply put, tight end Jonnu Smith (55 catches, 539 yards, 1 TD in two seasons) needs more touches. He needs to get unlocked, so his open-field running skills can be showcased.

Practice squad tight ends Matt Sokol and Scotty Washington contributed during call-ups and will be back to continue their development.

Top free agent receivers: Meyers, JuJu Smith-Schuster (Chiefs), Mecole Hardman (Chiefs), Keelan Cole (Raiders), Darius Slayton (Giants).

Top draftable receivers: Quentin Johnston (TCU), Cedric Tillman (Tennessee), Zay Flowers (Boston College), Jaxon Smith-Njigba (Ohio State), Jordan Addison (Southern Cal).

Top free agent tight ends: Mike Gesicki (Dolphins), Dalton Schultz (Cowboys), Hayden Hurst (Bengals), O.J. Howard (Texans), Tommy Sweeney (Bills).

Top draftable tight ends: Michael Mayer (Notre Dame), Tucker Kraft (South Dakota State), Darnell Washington (Georgia), Dalton Kincaid (Utah), Luke Musgrave (Oregon State).

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After 20 years, NFL no longer revolves around Brady, Belichick

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Everyone's day in the sun, no matter how long, eventually ends. Light shines on someone else. The NFL has moved past the duopoly of Brady and Belichick. After 20 years, the league no longer revolves around them. It was inevitable, but that doesn't make it any less jarring.

Belichick has always said that in the NFL some are closer to the beginning of their careers and some are closer to the end. Both he and Brady are nearing the finish line of canonized careers that will land them in Canton, Ohio. Belichick will be 71 in April. Brady, who would be 46 if he suited up for a 24th season, has already stiff-armed Father Time better than anyone before him.

But after having the wind at their back for 20 years, much of it spent together dominating the league, the pair of legends looked more mortal and more vulnerable than ever, losing to teams and losing in fashions previously unthinkable.

You never bet against these men. If anyone can rebound, it's Brady and Belichick. But they're facing more questions and more doubt about their ability to write the endings to their storybook careers on their terms.

The Patriots stumbled to an 8-9 mark and missed the playoffs for the second time in three seasons post-Brady. Their offense was inept to a degree not seen since Belichick's first season, 2000, when Brady was a fourth-stringer eating nachos in the stands. The Patriots struggled in the red zone, ranking last in touchdown percentage (42.2 percent).

The decision to install loyalists Matt Patricia and Joe Judge as architects of his offense was an unmitigated disaster for Belichick as players openly carped and quarterback Mac Jones regressed. The Fightin' Belichicks feasted on bad teams and mediocre QBs to reach their finale needing a win over Josh Allen and the Bills to make the playoffs. Instead, they suffered a fourth straight double-digit loss to their former foils.

Now, Belichick has been chastened by his bosses, Robert and Jonathan Kraft, his carte blanche replaced by a letter to season ticket-holders promising "critical evaluations" of Belichick's fiefdom and an unprecedented press release detailing plans for his coaching staff.

Brady's season wasn't much better. He dealt with personal and professional strife after coming out of a short-lived "retirement" for a 23d season. He finished with a losing record for the first time as a starter (8-9), although the Buccaneers, having already secured a playoff berth, pulled him before halftime of their regular-season finale loss to the Falcons.

While he set an NFL record for completions (490), this was far from vintage Touchdown Tom. He suffered a three-game losing streak for the first time since 2002. He lost five of six for the first time. It wasn't just that he lost. It was how and to whom.

Brady's Bucs actually registered fewer offensive points than the Patriots. New England finished 22d with 310 offensive points and Tampa Bay was 24th (306). Tampa had no running game (last in the league) and no reliable third pass-catching option.

The Buccaneers lost to Pittsburgh and rookie Kenny Pickett, to Carolina and former XFL QB P.J. Walker, and to Cleveland and Brady's former understudy Jacoby Brissett. In Brady's homecoming to face his boyhood team, the 49ers, with his parents in attendance, the Buccaneers got pasted, 35-7, by a team led by rookie seventh-round pick Brock Purdy.

If it weren't for a pair of classic Brady fourth-quarter comebacks against the Saints and Cardinals, Tampa Bay would've missed the playoffs too.

That actually might have been preferable to getting blasted in the wild-card round, 31-14, by the Cowboys. Brady looked his age, throwing an ugly red zone interception in which he pirouetted away from pressure. That continued a season-long self-preservation trend, with Brady looking like a guy who after two-plus decades of taking hits wasn't willing to take any more.

Belichick and Brady will be forever linked for their six-ring dynasty. Now they're linked because they're simultaneously at a career crossroads.

Since parting, Brady has five playoff wins, three playoff appearances, and one Super Bowl ring. Belichick has two losing seasons, one playoff appearance, and zero playoff wins.

But Belichick is a sure bet to be back next season. Brady isn't. Belichick is 19 wins from passing Don Shula for the most in NFL history.

He won't walk. The Krafts will have to pull the plug. That was previously unthinkable, but another losing season could at least lead to contemplation.

Brady must decide whether he wants to play at age 46 and where. Brady sounded like a man saying au revoir to Tampa Monday night. Just how much is he willing to put into it and sacrifice on the family side? His children with ex-wife Gisele Bündchen reside in South Florida. His eldest child, Jack, lives in New York.

Reuniting with Josh McDaniels in Las Vegas looks good on paper, but it's not convenient from a family perspective. The same goes for playing for his hometown 49ers, if they want him. Does Brady really want to continue as a New York Jet or a Carolina Panther? There's no obvious fit for him right now.

Then there is the idea of a reunion with the Patriots. That seems like a long shot.

The future is uncertain for both Brady and Belichick. Will they power through the tape or face-plant?

The latter seems unthinkable. But for so long so did the notion that Brady and Belichick weren't perpetual Super Bowl contenders, or that they would be idle by the Divisional Round, a place they reached together every year from 2010-18.

Now they're just part of the pro football pack, not the leaders of it.

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NFL playoffs schedule

DIVISIONAL

Saturday, Jan. 21
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
NY Giants at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m. (Fox)
Sunday, Jan. 22
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 3 p.m., (CBS)
Dallas at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (Fox)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 29
AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 6:30 p.m. (Fox)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 12
Conference winners, 6:30 p.m. (Fox)

This round of NFL playoffs is a Fab Four

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278 days makes it the youngest group of QBs since the Divisional Round began in 1970.

If you like watching the best players play in the biggest games, this weekend certainly has it. Patrick Mahomes, Josh Allen, Joe Burrow, and Jalen Hurts will likely finish in the top four in MVP voting. And 25 of the 56 members of the All-Pro teams are still playing.

If you like underdogs, this weekend has great ones.

It's hard to be a bigger underdog than 49ers starting quarterback Brock Purdy, whose draft spot this past April — the 262nd and final pick — literally is called "Mr. Irrelevant." Now Purdy is 6-0 as a starter (plus one win in relief), the 49ers lead the NFL in scoring since he entered the lineup (34.6 points per game), and he is the highest-rated passer in the NFL (115.1).

The Jaguars make for a stirring underdog, too. A laughingstock for most of the past decade, especially last year under Urban Meyer, the Jaguars overcame a 2-6 start under Doug Pederson to make the playoffs for just the second time in 15 years. With last week's 27-point comeback win over the Chargers, the Jaguars became the first team since the 1991 Cowboys to win a playoff game in the same year as having the No. 1 draft pick.

The Giants also are a nice surprise. They had the NFL's worst record over the previous five years (22-59), but went 9-7-1 in their first year with coach Brian Daboll, and knocked off the Vikings on the road last week for their first playoff win since the 2011 Super Bowl season. Daboll can join the Packers' Matt LaFleur as the only rookie head coaches in the last 10 years to reach the conference championship.

If you like drama, emotion, and the feel of a heavyweight title fight, there can't possibly be a better game than the Bills-Bengals showdown Sunday evening in Western New York. What fortune to get a redux just three weeks after the previous game was canceled under unprecedented circumstances. Buffalo safety Damar Hamlin has made a remarkable recovery, is now visiting the Bills facility almost daily, and his presence at the game Sunday could really ramp up the emotions.

The Bengals have won nine in a row, the Bills eight. The Bengals are playing with a chip on their shoulder over the Week 17 cancellation in Cincinnati, a game they were leading, 7-3. The cancellation may have cost the Bengals a shot at the No. 1 seed and forces them to play this game in Buffalo, not at home.

If you like black-and-blue football, Eagles-Giants Saturday night in Philadelphia could be a slugfest, the fifth all-time playoff game between the NFC East rivals.

"I know their fans are going to be out there," said Giants nose tackle Dexter Lawrence. "I told my mom she can't come to the game because she'll go back at them."

The 14-3 Eagles are coming off a bye and will have Hurts at his healthiest since he hurt his shoulder five weeks ago. The Eagles swept the Giants in the regular season, and they reached the Super Bowl in each of the two previous seasons in which they had the No. 1 seed (2004 and 2017). But the 10-7-1 Giants are coming off a decisive win over the Vikings and have been resourceful this season under Daboll.

If you are a fan of NFL history, you have to get nostalgic for the ninth all-time 49ers-Cowboys playoff game, tied with Cowboys-Rams and 49ers-Packers for most common postseason matchup. Can Prescott lead the Cowboys to their first conference championship game in 27 years? Can Purdy keep his magical Tom Bradyesque rookie season going? Purdy will be just the 10th rookie to start a Divisional Round game,and the first since ... Prescott in 2016.

If you like Mentor vs. Protégé, and David vs. Goliath, Chiefs-Jaguars has both. Pederson has been a friend of Andy Reid's as both a player and coach for him.

"We talk during the season, we do," Pederson said. "I owe a lot to Coach Reid — my career, not only as a player but as a coach, and I want to pick his brain and learn."

Now Pederson is trying to beat out Reid for a spot in the AFC Championship game, which the Chiefs have made four years in a row. The 14-3 Chiefs are coming off a bye, have the NFL's No. 1 offense, and will have Arrowhead Stadium rocking.

The Chiefs beat the Jaguars at home, 27-17, in Week 10, jumping out to a 20-0 lead.

But the Jaguars have won seven of eight since then, and are playing with even more confidence after last week's incredible comeback win over the Chargers. The Jaguars also won the turnover battle, 3-0, against the Chiefs back in Week 10. If they can do that again, the little ol' Jaguars will have a chance of knocking off the big, bad Chiefs.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY NOTEBOOK

Poulin-Labelle fits right in at NU

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It can be daunting to be the new player in the locker room, even with superb credentials. When that locker room is Northeastern's, a team that has qualified for the last two Women's Frozen Fours, daunting could be an understatement.

But **Maude Poulin-Labelle**, the reigning Hockey East co-Defender of the Year, chose to spend her graduate year with the Huskies. Despite setting records for defender scoring at her former school, Vermont, and making three league All-Star teams, she wasn't sure what would happen when she joined Northeastern.

"Obviously, Northeastern has a lot of talent," said Poulin-Labelle. "Everyone here wants to improve, and they all want to make a lineup, and that can be hard because everyone is so talented. We all want to get better every day."

It was a risk, but the move is working out for the Sherbrooke, Québec, native. She has played in all 24 games for the 21-2-1 Huskies, and is the team's top-scoring defender and fifth-best overall with 16 points (two goals, 14 assists.).

Poulin-Labelle has filled the gap left by the graduation of the player she shared last year's Defender of the Year title with, **Skylar Fontaine**, who was quite possibly the most dangerous offensive defender in women's college hockey the last few seasons.

During Saturday's 5-0 win against Maine, Poulin-Labelle set up **Maureen Murphy** for her second goal of the game. It was a milestone for both: For Murphy, a fellow transfer, it was her 100th career goal, and for Poulin-Labelle, it was her 100th career point.

"I was happy, but I wasn't thinking about it," said Poulin-Labelle. "I just wanted our team to win the game. If you had told me when I started college that I would reach 100 points, I wouldn't have believed it."

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Defender Maude Poulin-Labelle hasn't missed a beat since transferring to Northeastern from Hockey East rival Vermont.

Poulin-Labelle recorded 84 points during her four years at Vermont and was part of the program's best-ever finish last year (second) in the Hockey East regular season, going 22-11-3. When it came time for her fifth year, she sought out a city environment while pursuing a master's in sports leadership.

"I spoke with a few schools, and I liked the three coaches here," she said.

She was already known as an offensive defender when she entered Vermont, earning the label during her career at Stanstead, a private high school on the Quebec/Vermont border. But what changed in college was learning when to jump into the play.

"When I started playing in the NCAA, I had to learn when to jump in, and when not to, and how to read plays better," said Poulin-Labelle. "I learned how to be an effective defenseman, and how to contribute in other ways."

That decision-making is key when playing with a high-energy and speedy team, which has been Northeastern's style the past few years. Poulin-Labelle enjoys the playmaking ability that all four forward lines possess, and enjoys getting in on the action.

Poulin-Labelle's start in hockey is an example of her wanting to leap into the action. Her older brother **Jeffrey** and sister **Marie-Pier** played youth hockey. On registration day one year, a 3-year-old Maude begged her father to be included with her siblings, but he had to break it to her that she missed the age cutoff of 4. The league administrator overheard the chat, and intervened.

"He said, 'Oh, but the third kid is free!' " said Poulin-Labelle. "So he let me play even though I was 3."

That league took a chance on her, and it turned out for the best. Sounds similar to the chance she took moving to Boston.

Northeastern looks to be headed for a sixth straight Hockey East championship, and Poulin-Labelle enjoys the process.

"We want to get better as a team every game," she said.

Mueller ties the mark

Poulin-Labelle's teammate, **Alina Mueller**, is likely to set the Hockey East record for league points this weekend. In two victories last weekend, she had four assists to tie Northeastern forward **Kendall Coyne's** mark of 167 points (64 goals, 103 assists) . . . Boston University broke a losing streak that dated to Dec. 9. The Terriers earned an upset of Providence, second in Hockey East, with a 2-2 tie Tuesday that they won in a shootout. The Terriers got the win even though they had only 23 shots on net through two overtimes. "To not have a million shots but have a couple jump in is super important," said coach **Brian Durocher**. "Credit to the kids for executing." . . . Merrimack junior defender **Raice Szott** is one of 15 nominees for the Hockey Humanitarian Award, which recognizes "a student-athlete who makes significant contributions not only to his or her team but also to the community-at-large through leadership in volunteerism." It will be awarded during Men's Frozen Four weekend in April . . . At the Winter World University Games in Lake Placid, Arlington native and Princeton alum **Shannon Griffin** has four goals and two assists through Team USA's four preliminary games (2-2), with one game to go. Billerica's **Clare Conway**, who plays at Worcester State, has two goals.

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Outfielder Duvall agrees to a deal with Sox

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for righthander Mike Leake.

He found his power stroke with the Reds, hitting 33 home runs and earning a spot on the NL All-Star team in 2016, then adding another 31 homers in 2017. After struggling in 2018, he was traded at the deadline to Atlanta, where he hit .132 with 17 strikeouts in 57 plate appearances down the stretch.

He rebounded in 2019 after starting the year in the minors, earning a spot on the postseason roster with 10 home runs in 130 plate appearances, then followed that up with 16 home runs in the abbreviated 2020 season.

He signed with the Marlins in 2021, hitting 22 home runs, before he was shipped back to Atlanta. Adding 16 more home runs, he helped spark the Braves to the postseason for the third year in a row. He belted a grand slam in the first inning of Game 5 of the World Series as the Braves went on to defeat the Astros in six games to claim the title.

The Red Sox' Opening Day roster will likely feature Alex Verdugo in right field and Masataka Yoshida in left, leaving center open for Duvall. The Sox are still in the market for a middle infielder. That would enable Hernández to go back into his utility role, which helped make him a valuable asset to the Sox when he first signed with the club.

The Sox needed options in the field. The Story injury only made that even more of a priority. Duvall represents that necessity, and helps put the Sox' roster into better focus.

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Adam Duvall, who has a one-year deal with the Red Sox, posted career highs of 38 homers and 113 RBIs for the Braves in 2021.

SportsLog

Mets, Dodgers lead way as MLB payrolls soar

The Los Angeles Dodgers were hit with a $32 million luxury tax for the second straight season, among six teams paying a penalty as baseball payrolls rebounded after the lockout to a record $4.56 billion. The Mets set a luxury tax payroll record at $299.8 million, topping the $297.9 million of the 2015 Dodgers, according to figures compiled by Major League Baseball and obtained by the Associated Press. Philadelphia, the Yankees, San Diego, and Boston also exceeded the $230 million tax threshold. The Dodgers, in the penalty for a second straight year, owe $32.4 million on a luxury tax payroll of $293.3 million. With pitcher **Max Scherzer** ($43 million) leading the big leagues in salary, the Mets were second in payroll and owe $30.8 million. The Yankees owe $9.7 million, the Phillies $2.9 million, the Padres $1.5 million, and the Red Sox $1.2 million.

NHL

Stamkos scores 500th goal

Lightning center **Steven Stamkos** scored his 500th career goal Wednesday night, taking a pass from **Alex Killorn** for a tap-in past Canucks goalie **Spencer Martin** to open the scoring 4:40 into the first period at Vancouver. Stamkos added another at 14:35 of the first to give Tampa Bay a 4-0 lead . . . Canadiens rookie winger **Juraj Slafkovsky** will be out three months with a lower-body injury. The team provided updates a day after placing forwards Slafkovsky, **Joel Armia**, and **Jake Evans** on injured reserve. Slafkovsky, the No. 1 pick in the 2022 NHL Draft, was injured in Sunday's win over the Rangers. The 18-year-old has four goals and six assists. Armia (upper body) is out until the Feb. 2-5 All-Star break and Evans (lower body) is out 8-10 weeks. Forward **Jonathan Drouin** (upper body) is out until the All-Star break and goalie **Jake Allen** (upper body) is out at least one week.

NFL

Seahawks reward Myers

The Seahawks signed pending free agent Pro Bowler **Jason Myers** to a four-year contract. Myers made 34 of 37 field goal attempts and led the NFL with 143 points. A person with knowledge said the deal is worth $21.1 million and possibly $22.6 million with incentives, making Myers the second-highest paid kicker behind Baltimore's **Justin Tucker** . . . The Panthers interviewed Broncos defensive coordinator **Ejiro Evero** for their head coach vacancy, according to a person familiar with the situation . . . The Cowboys signed kicker **Tristan Vizcaino** to the practice squad, adding an option in case **Brett Maher's** wild-card meltdown lingers. Maher missed his first four extra points in Monday's 31-14 win over Tampa Bay.

SOCCER

US women blank New Zealand

Mallory Swanson scored twice and the United States women's national team opened the year with a 4-0 win over host New Zealand at Wellington on Tuesday. Swanson scored in the 52nd minute before **Alex Morgan** scored in the 60th. Swanson's second goal came some three minutes later and **Lynn Williams** added another in the 74th. The US was without 2022 Player of the Year **Sophia Smith** (foot) and **Megan Rapinoe** (ankle). The teams will play again Saturday in Auckland.

US men could get new look

Alejandro Zendejas, a 24-year-old forward who played twice for Mexico, is among 13 players who could make their US men's national team debuts under interim coach **Anthony Hudson** in exhibitions against Serbia on Wednesday at Los Angeles and Colombia three days later in Carson, Calif. **Julian Gressel**, a German-born 29-year-old defender who gained US citizenship in November, also was among 24 players selected. Others who could debut include Revolution defender **DeJuan Jones**, and **Gabriel Slonina**, an 18-year-old who could become the youngest US goalie.

MISCELLANY

UConn men lose in the end

Kadary Richmond had 18 points, **KC Ndefo** (14 points) hit a last-second layup, and Seton Hall men's basketball (12-8, 5-4 Big East) rallied for a 67-66 win over No. 15 UConn (15-5, 4-5) at Newark. **Adama Sanogo** (16 points) led the Huskies, who were led by assistants **Tom Moore** and **Luke Murray** with coach **Dan Hurley** and associate coach **Kimani Young** out with COVID-19 . . . **Sean Yoder** had 14 points to help Navy (9-10, 2-5 Patriot) to a 63-45 win at home over BU (9-11, 2-5), which was led by **Daman Tate's** 9 points . . . In women's basketball, **Alex Giannaros** (22 points) and **Caitlin Weimar** (17 points, 14 rebounds) led BU (12-6, 7-0 Patriot) to an 84-41 win over Navy (1-17, 1-6) at Case Gym . . . The Chicago Sky will face the Minnesota Lynx on May 13 in Toronto in the first WNBA game in the country.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Delores Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, dated March 17, 2003 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 30899, Page 017 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2003-KS4 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as Nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed pass through certificate series 2003-KS4 dated January 15, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52599, Page 39, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 62 Florida Street, Unit No 3, of the Sixty-Two Florida Street Condominiums, Dorchester (Boston), MA 02124 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 30, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit known as Unit No. 3 situated at No. 62 Florida Street, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (the "Unit"), in the Sixty-Two Florida Street Condominium (the "Condominium"), a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A ("Chapter 183A") by a Master Deed dated September 19, 1988, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 15039 ,Page 45, as amended to date, if any (the "Master Deed").

The Unit is conveyed together with 34.24 percentage of undivided interest (a) in the Common Area and Facilities ("Common Areas and Facilities") of the Condominium as described in said Master Deed; and (b) in the managing or governing body of the Condominium as established by the condominium governing documents of the Condominium (the "Condominium Governing Documents").

The Unit is conveyed with any non-exclusive rights and easements, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Master Deed, and the Condominium Governing' Documents and any administrative rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

The Unit (including its appurtenant rights and easements and the undivided interest in said Common Areas and Facilities hereby conveyed) is conveyed (i) subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of Chapter 183A; (ii) subject to taxes attributable thereto for the current fiscal year, as are not now due and payable; (iii) subject to and with the benefit of the provisions hereof and all the rights, restrictions, easements, agreements and other matters referred to or set forth in said Master Deed, in the Condominium Governing Documents and, in respect of Common Areas and Facilities, any administrative rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to the Unit of the expenses of the Condominium as set forth in said Master Deed and said Condominium Governing Documents, all as amended from time to time in accordance with their terms; and (iv) subject to all easements, restrictions, agreements and other matters of record affecting the Unit and said Common Areas and Facilities insofar as now in force and applicable, all of which the Grantee by acceptance and recording hereof agrees to comply with, perform and assume and pay.

The Unit is intended to be used only for residential purposes as more particularly set forth in the Master Deed, which provision is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and the use of the Unit is subject to the restrictions set forth in the Master Deed, which provisions are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

For Mortgagor's Title, see Deed dated April 15, 1993 recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 18163, Page 051

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 18163, Page 051.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of $5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates
Series 2003-KS4
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Brown, Delores, 19-034976

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No.: 23 SM 000145
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Mary J. Law a/k/a Mary Jane Law;Prudence L. Heilner;Johnstone R. Law

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Bank of America, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dover, numbered 12 Farm Street, given by Mary J. Law to Bank of America, NA, dated November 2, 2006, and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24474, Page 274, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 2/27/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 1/11/2023
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

TOWN OF BROOKLINE – Zoning Board of Appeals
NOTICE OF HEARING

The Brookline Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on
Date/Time: Thursday, February 2, 2023
Location: Virtual Hearing
Virtual Registration Link: **https://bit.ly/3HcB308**
Petitioner: David J. Jensen, Trustee of the Platform 9 3/4 Trust
Address: 16 Hawes Street
Subject:
Appeal of Building Permit issued at address
Nature of Action/Relief:
Possible violations of: §5.00 - DISTRICT REGULATIONS; By-law: §5.00 - DISTRICT REGULATIONS; By-law: §5.00 - DISTRICT REGULATIONS; By-law: §4.07 – TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, USE #62; By-law: §5.20 - FLOOR AREA RATIO; ANY OTHER RELIEF THE BOARD MAY FIND NECESSARY

Plans and submissions may be viewed online at https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/3379
Interested persons may provide comments at the public hearing or by submitting written comments by email to manthony@brooklinema.gov.
Assistive Listening Devicesare available upon request: https://www.brooklinema.gov/560/Americans-With-Disabilities-Act-ADA

NOTICE OF DEFAULT

Case Name: **William Sgammato, Trustee of Summit Resort Trust, et al v Unknown Persons Who Claim to Hold a Fee Simple Interest or other Estate in the Property of the Summit at Four Season Resort, et al**
Case Number: **211-2022-CV-00179**

Default has been entered against the following part(ies) in the above action: Unknown Persons Who Claim to Hold a Fee Simple Interest or other Estate in the Property of the Summit at Four Season Resort Default has been entered for the following reason(s): Failure to timely file an Appearance and an Answer or other responsive pleading. Case is continued for entry of judgment upon compliance with Superior Court Rule 42. Final judgment may be obtained against a party in default by filing the following: An appropriate motion for entry of judgment; an affidavit in support of financial damages sought, if any; a proposed decree if relief other than financial damages is sought; the original of any negotiable instrument or similar evidence of indebtedness on which this action is based, if applicable; and an affidavit as to military service, if applicable. Any claim for attorneys' fees must be made by motion with an accompanying attorney affidavit. Costs will be taxed only upon the submission of a verified taxation of costs. Before final judgment will be entered, the party seeking judgment must certify that it has published this Notice of Default once a week for three successive weeks in the Manchester Union Leader and Boston Globe, newspapers of general publication. A hearing as to final judgment shall be scheduled upon the request of any party. Otherwise, the Court may enter final judgment based on the pleadings submitted or may schedule a hearing at its discretion.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
January 03, 2023 Abigail Albee - Clerk of Court

TOWN OF BROOKLINE – Zoning Board of Appeals
NOTICE OF HEARING

The Brookline Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on
Date/Time: Thursday, February 2, 2023
Location: Virtual Hearing
Virtual Registration Link: **https://bit.ly/3HcB308**
Petitioner: Morris Lounds Jr, Et Al
Address: 116 Columbia St
Subject:
Appeal of Building Permit issued at address

Nature of Action/Relief:
§4.07 – TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, USE #05
§5.09.2.M – DESIGN REVIEW
§6.04.5.C.2 – DESIGN OF ALL OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES
Plans and submissions may be viewed online at https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/3379
Interested persons may provide comments at the public hearing or by submitting written comments by email to manthony@brooklinema.gov.
Assistive Listening Devicesare available upon request: https://www.brooklinema.gov/560/Americans-With-Disabilities-Act-ADA

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Laureine Polynice to First Franklin a Division of Nat. City Bank of In, dated April 29, 2005 and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45114, Page 354 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Southern Judgment dated September 21, 2020, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 75954, Page 356, which equitably assigns the mortgage to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee in Trust for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF7 of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee in Trust for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF7 is the present holder by Assignment from First Franklin Financial Corp, a Division of National City Bank of Indiana to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee in trust for the benefit of the certificateholders Mortgage Asset Securitization Transactions Inc., First Franklin Mortgage Loan trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF7 dated July 24, 2010 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55118, Page 74, and Assignment from PNC Bank, National Association, Successor By Merger to National CityBank, Successor by Merger to First Franklin, a Division of National CityBank of Indiana to First Franklin Financial Corp dated December 8, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68691, Page 476, and Order of the Land Court Judgment dated September 21, 2020 recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 75954, Page 356 which equitably assigns the mortgage to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee in Trust for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF7, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Davis Road, Unit A8, of the Briarbrook Village Condominium, Acton, MA 01720 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 16, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The Unit known as No. D-A8, Briarbrook Village Condominium, a condominium in Massachusetts, created pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A and by Master Deed dated November 6, 1987, recorded in Book 18678, Page 152, as the same may have been amended, which unit is shown on the floor plan recorded with said Master Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A. Together with the undivided interest appurtenant thereto in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium as described in said Master Deed.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45114, Page 353.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of $5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee in Trust for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF7
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Polynice, Laureine, 18-033822

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 23 SM 000196
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Paul Davis, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia A. Superville f/k/a Patricia A. Davis

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Hyde Park (Boston), numbered 17 Thompson Street, given by Patricia A. Superville to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, dated September 26, 2020, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 63885, Page 319, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before February 27, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 13, 2023.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22958

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: January 9, 2023

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON February 7, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2023-01. **Petitioner/ Owner**: DIV 455 TPR, LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition**: Application for Dimensional Variances. **Subject Matter**: The Petitioner seeks variances from Article IV, Section 4.11 and Section 4.12 of the Waltham Zoning Ordinance ("WZO"), to vary the height limitation, special permit FAR limitation, lot coverage limitation, minimum lot size, and setback minima set forth in Article IV, § 4.11, and to vary the limitation on rooftop mechanical equipment of 25% set forth in Article IV, § 4.217. The Petitioner proposes to construct a four story laboratory/office building with an accessory attached parking garage (the "Project"). Due to the soil conditions on the site, the unusual shape of the lot, and undersized nature of the lot, strict compliance with the WZO's dimensional requirements presents a hardship to the Petitioner. **Location and Zoning District**: 455 Totten Pond Road, Limited Commercial Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved**: Section 4.11 sets forth the applicable height limitation, special permit FAR limitation, lot coverage limitation, minimum lot size and setback minima, and Section 4.217 may be interpreted to limit the coverage of a rooftop with mechanical equipment to 25%. **Specific Relief Sought**: The Petitioner seeks a variance from Sections 4.11 and 4.217 of the Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a four story laboratory/office building with an accessory attached parking garage. Due to the unusual shape of the lot, the fact that the lot is undersized, and the soil conditions on the lot, constructing a building in strict compliance with the WZO would present a hardship. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS**: Michael Cotton, Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**: Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: December 23, 2022

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON January 31, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2022-55. **Petitioner**: Edoardo Fragale. **Owner**: 246-248 Ash, LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition**: Variance and Special Permit. **Subject Matter**: Petitioner seeks to convert the rear structure on the Locus from a Commercial/ Industrial use (workshop) to a single-family residential home. To do so, Petitioner had to subdivide the lot into two lots under G.L. c. 41, §81L. Because of the allowed subdivision, some of the non-conforming setbacks have been altered thereby requiring variances. A tandem parking variance is required for Lot 1 and a special permit is required to convert to a single-family home on lot 2. No new exterior construction is sought by this request. **Location and Zoning District**: 246-248 Ash Street, Residence B Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved**: §4.11, §5.34 and §3.7223. **Specific Relief Sought**: To confirm the nonconformities of the locus after approval of an ANR plan by the Board of Survey and Planning via variances for rear, side and front-yard setbacks, lot coverage, lot area, frontage lot width and parking. No new exterior construction is sought by this request. In addition to confirm the non-conformities, Petitioner seeks a special permit to convert the rear structure from an industrial /commercial use to a single-family residential use. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS**: Michael Cotton, Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**: Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: December 14, 2022

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON January 31, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2022-54. **Petitioner/ Owner**: Robert M. Ryan. **Nature of Appeal/Petition**: Variance and Amend existing Decision. **Subject Matter**: The Petitioner intends to construct, use and maintain a two-story addition onto the existing single family residence. The addition shall add a two car garage, a home office space and an open deck. **Location and Zoning District**: 5 Arbor Lane, Residence A-3 Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved**: §4.11 and §7.2. **Specific Relief Sought**: §4.11 states that residences in a Residence A-3 Zoning District shall have a rear yard setback of 30 feet. Here, the proposed two-story addition, including a two car garage, shall have a rear yard setback of 7.70 feet. In case 2013-01, the Board of Appeals granted a special permit to the Petitioner to alter a non-conforming structure. Condition #2 of the Notice of Decision provided that all construction and use of the property shall be in substantial accordance with the plans referenced therein. The Petitioner requests an amendment of said condition so that all construction and use of the premises shall now conform to the plans submitted herewith. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS**: Michael Cotton, Mark Hickernell, John Sergi, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**: Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

AT&T Mobility LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing building located at 715 Tremont Street, Boston, Suffolk, MA 02118. The modifications will consist of the collocation of antennas at various heights, not to exceed a centerline height of 84ft 10in above ground level on the 95-foot tall building (overall height). Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6123000175 - KRC EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (470) 512-5385.

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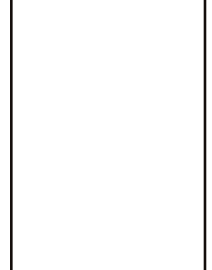
PROFESSIONAL

Alkermes seeks
IT Senior Systems Analyst
in Waltham MA (qualified candidate permitted to work remotely in appropriate circumstances). *Specialized system support for Contracts & Pricing with focus on Model N revenue management system, including d*evelop technology road maps, business requirements, use cases, specifications, test strategies/scripts, SOPs/Work Instructions, production support documentation; *ensure systems comply with* Sarbanes-Oxley; ensure system releases for Model N are understood and impact assessments performed; contribute to gap analysis; technical lead on implementation of software enhancements/updates; train/mentor junior staff; first tier end to end user support; certification of system access. Reqs: Masters (or equiv) in Comp Sci, Info Systems, or closely related field & 6 yrs exp working in Revenue Management and Commercial Systems in pharmaceutical industry (in alternative will accept Bach & 8 yrs); knowledge of supporting Model N revenue management system (including systems user interface and backend database schema/processes), data warehousing, Informatica integrations, Tableau reporting, Robotic Process Automation BOTS, Visual Basic, Oracle, and working with/managing third-party vendor partners; advanced knowledge of SQL and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. By resumé to margaret.haberlein@alkermes.com.

TECHNOLOGY/ ENGINEERING

Circle Internet Financial, LLC in Boston, MA seeks
Multiple Openings
for multiple positions including Principal Software Engineer for WFH opportunity. Qualified applicants please send resumes to talent-operations-job-postings@circle.com, clearly referencing job #CPSE23



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Hingham 8, Framingham 6
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Latin Acad. 3, Hull/Cohasset 2
Northeast 3, Rockport 0
Norwell 3, Hanover 0
Pembroke 3, Rockland 0
Winchester 2, St. Mary's 0
Winthrop 4, Stoneham 0
GIRLS
Austin Prep 5, Holderness 2
CAPE & ISLANDS
Falmouth 4, Cape Cod 2
Sandwich 11, Dennis-Yarmouth 1
CENTRAL/WEST
Pope Francis 2, Auburn 1
ISL
BB&N 3, Rivers 0
Tabor 6, Thayer 1
MERRIMACK VALLEY/DUAL COUNTY
Boston Latin 5, Concord-Carlisle 2
Central Cath. 3 Cmbridge/Somerville 1
HPNA 5, Acton-Boxboro/Bromfield 1
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Methuen/Tewksbury 0Waltham 0 (OT)
Shrewsbury 5, Westford 0
NORTHEAST
Peabody 6, Medford 0
PATRIOT
Hanover 4, Quincy/N. Quincy 2
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Barnstable 6, Old Rochester 0
Burlington 0, Malden Cath. 0 (OT)
Canton 2, Medway/Ashland 0
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Nobles 5, Winchendon 1
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Pembroke 2, East/W. Bridgewater 0
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Framingham 54, Wellesley 25
Needham 45, Brookline 30
CAPE ANN/NORTHEASTERN
Triton 45, Saugus/Peabody 30
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
St. John's Prep 68, Xaverian 9
DUAL COUNTY
Newton South 42, Bedford 33
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Foxboro 45, Mansfield 27
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Roxbury Latin 47, Nobles 33
Roxbury Latin 78, St. Mark's 6
St. Sebastian's 60, Brooks 21
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Chelmsford 58, Billerica 15
Methuen 48, Lowell 18
PATRIOT
Hingham 38, Silver Lake 30
Plymouth North 55, Marshfield 28
SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 48, New Bedford 22
TRI-VALLEY
Ashland 48, Norwood 18
Norton 47, Hopkinton 26
NONLEAGUE
Danvers 39, Lynnfield/N. Reading 36
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Northbridge 48, Westford 30
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Bruins	NYR 7:00 NESN			SJ 7:00 NESN		MON 7:00 NESN	
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3 p.m.	Chicago at Detroit	NBA
7:30 p.m.	Golden State at Boston	TNT
10 p.m.	Brooklyn at Phoenix	TNT

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.	Rutgers at Michigan State	FS1
7 p.m.	Michigan at Maryland	ESPN
7 p.m.	Purdue at Minnesota	ESPN2
7 p.m.	UNCW at Hofstra	CBSSN
7 p.m.	Wichita State at Memphis	ESPNU
8:30 p.m.	Indiana at Illinois	FS1
9 p.m.	Washington at Colorado	ESPNU
9 p.m.	Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech	CBSSN
10:30 p.m.	UCLA at Arizona State	FS1
11 p.m.	BYU at Santa Clara	CBSSN
11 p.m.	Saint Mary's at Pepperdine	ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m.	St. Francis at Fairleigh Dickinson	ESPNU
6 p.m.	Miami at North Carolina State	ACC
6:30 p.m.	Northwestern at Ohio State	Big Ten
7 p.m.	Notre Dame at Clemson	NESN+
7 p.m.	South Carolina at Vanderbilt	SEC
8 p.m.	Duke at North Carolina	ACC
8:30 p.m.	Michigan at Rutgers	Big Ten
9 p.m.	Arkansas at LSU	SEC

GOLF

noon	LPGA: Tournament Of Champions	Golf
3 p.m.	PGA: American Express	Golf
7 p.m.	Champions: Mitsubishi Electric	Golf

PRO HOCKEY

7 p.m.	Boston at NY Rangers	NESN
9 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Edmonton	ESPN

TENNIS

2 p.m.	Australian Open (tape)	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Australian Open	ESPN2

WINTER SPORTS

10 a.m.	World University Games	ESPNU
2 p.m.	World University Games	ESPNU

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Colleges

BASKETBALL

MEN
NEW ENGLAND
Assumption 75, Adelphi 66
Bowdoin 86, Maine-Farmington 77
Bridgewater St. 91, Westfield St. 78
Colgate 77, Holy Cross 71
Emerson 89, Wheaton 86
Endicott 72, Curry 62
Keene State 102, Castleton 49
Mitchell 86, Trinity 77
Morgan St. 92, Hartford 84
Navy 63, Boston University 45
New Haven 60, Bentley 59
Nichols 90, Salve Regina 66
Plymouth St. 73, N.E. College 56
Roger Williams 77, Wentworth 53
Salem State 89, MCLA 61
Seton Hall 67, UConn 66
Southern Conn. 73, Le Moyne 71
Springfield 85, Coast Guard 73
St. Anselm 79, Southern N.H. 67
St. Michael's 69, Pace 68
St. Rose 86, AIC 72
Suffolk 70, U. of New England 55
UMass-Boston 66, Southern Maine 60
UMass-Dartmouth 75, R.I. College 59
UMass-Lowell 81, UMBC 75
Wesleyan 87, Yeshiva 84
Western Con. 98, Eastern Con. 91(OT)
Western N.E. 92, Gordon 63
Williams 66, Amherst 65
Worcester St. 69, Fitchburg St. 62
WPI 83, Clark 75
OTHER EAST
Bucknell 68, Army 66
St. Bonaventure 65, Duquesne 56
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Nebraska 63, Ohio State 60
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SOUTHWEST
North Alabama 78, Cent. Arkansas 73
SMU 79, Tulsa 76 (OT)
Texas A&M 54, Florida 52
WEST
Utah Valley 84, Abilene Christian 54
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NEW ENGLAND
AIC 75, St. Rose 62
Amherst 50, Williams 40
Assumption 57, Adelphi 52
Babson 70, Clark 42
Boston University 84, Navy 41
Bowdoin 80, Husson 76

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Hanover's 6-foot junior captain Mary Kate Flynn is averaging 11.3 points and 15.2 rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Hanover's Flynn is true force of nurture

By Trevor Hass
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Whenever the Flynn kids wanted to play three-on-three basketball in the backyard, they didn't have to look far to find enough players.

Mary Kate, the youngest of six Hanover High hoopers, had to scrap to earn her siblings' respect. She remembers doing everything in her power to defend her then 6-foot-1-inch, 250-pound brother, **Patrick** — who went on to play football at the University of New Hampshire.

Naturally, it didn't always go well. Her brothers and sisters showed no mercy, which was frustrating in the moment, yet ultimately molded her into the player she is today.

"It would get pretty intense," said Flynn, an emerging star for the Hawks. "I can remember a few times it ended in tears."

A junior captain, Flynn is averaging 11.3 points, 15.2 rebounds, 4.6 blocks, and 2.5 steals per game for the 8-2 Hawks, who have won seven straight and established themselves as contenders in both the Patriot League-Fisher Division and Division 2.

She had 31 rebounds in one game and 10 steals in another. As a 6-foot rim protector with long arms — who's also capable of single-handedly weaving past defenders and breaking a press — she's a nightmare matchup for opposing teams. Sometimes Hanover coach **Brian Fisher** employs her as a safety who lurks near the rim and oversees the action.

"There are so many aspects of her game that teams have to plan for," Fisher said. "It's not just one thing."

Basketball has been a fixture throughout Flynn's life. Her sister, **Stephanie**, was a 1,000-point scorer for Hanover who continued her playing career at Columbia. **Patrick**, a former Globe Athlete of the Year, helped lead Hanover to a Division 3 state championship. **Liam** was a three-sport athlete who continued playing football at Saint Anselm. **Erin** played basketball and ran cross-country and track. **Emily** is currently playing hoops at Babson.

Flynn's teammate, **Olivia Damon**, said seeing the way her siblings competed during the season and kept working in the offseason was a constant source of motivation for Flynn.

While she proudly attended all their games, played on the court at halftime, and cheered like crazy, she also dreamed of one day carving out her own legacy.

"I think she saw what they did with their teams, took that, and said, 'I want to do even better,' " Damon said.

Flynn still has some work to do to claim family bragging rights, but she's already made a name on a grand stage and is steadily closing the gap.

Her siblings have been at many Hanover games in recent weeks to watch her play, just like she did for them over the years, and they all appreciate the full circle nature of the experience. Their father, **David**, is now the junior varsity girls' coach, which adds another wrinkle.

As Flynn has grown into a standout player, she's leaned on her family's advice. They all offer constructive criticism, compare notes, and bounce ideas off one another.

"I try to stay in the paint," Flynn said. "My siblings always tell me, 'When you put your hands up in the paint, that must be so intimidating for the other team' because of how long I am. So I try to disrupt the offense for the other team by doing that."

Fisher also praised her for gracefully handling double- and triple-teams and seamlessly involving her teammates. Flynn's poise has been a major reason the Hawks have excelled in tight games this season.

"She's cool under pressure," Fisher said. "She's taken a big step up, and I think she knows that she's going to take the best from the other team."

Damon half-joked that she was scared of Flynn because of her overwhelming stature and skill when they first met in third grade. Since then, Damon has enjoyed watching Flynn blossom into one of the most dynamic players in the area.

Fisher said one benefit Flynn has is that Stephanie, Erin, and Emily all played for him, so Mary Kate was already familiar with the system coming in as a freshman.

Flynn, who overlapped with Emily two years ago, said they often play together at a court in Orleans during the summer.

"They've carried on their athletic ability to a further level," Flynn said. "I want to do that and go in that direction."

Courtside chatter

■ When **Kristen McDonnell** switched from coaching boys at Norwood High to girls this season, she expected a challenge for a squad that graduated four starters from its 24-1 run to the Division 2 state final.

McDonnell hoped the Mustangs would find a groove by midseason. They appear to be on track. Norwood (6-4) has won three straight and took down a quality Dover-Sherborn team Tuesday. **Tricia Wladkowski** and **Alexa Coras** have emerged as go-to contributors.

"I've seen it throughout the year kind of progress [to] where we're starting to get our bearings," McDonnell said "There's been a learning curve, but I really think we're heading in the right direction."

McDonnell's résumé is headlined by four Division 1 titles with the Braintree girls, plus a 2022 Division 2 state final appearance with the Norwood boys in her third season. She recalls scrapping most of her offense with the Mustang boys in her first half-season and says coaching continues to humble her.

"I have this rule that if two or more kids don't understand what I'm trying to say, or a drill or anything, then it's my fault," she said. "And that happened a lot in the beginning of this year, so I was like, 'The only one that's really going to change anything is me.' Hopefully I'm starting to do that."

■ The MIAA released updated power rankings for winter sports on Tuesday. Bishop Feehan, Andover, and Wachusett occupy the top three spots in Division 1, respectively, and are also separated by less than a point.

Medfield paces D2, St. Mary's has a near 5-point edge in D3, Cathedral leads by 4 points in D4, and Millis sits atop D5.

Globe correspondent Ethan Fuller contributed to this report. Trevor Hass can be reached at trevor.hass@globe.com.

Globe Top 20

No.		Rec.	Last
1.	Andover	9-0	1
2.	Medfield	10-0	2
3.	Bishop Feehan	9-0	3
4.	Walpole	7-1	4
5.	St. Mary's	12-1	5
6.	Newton North	8-1	6
7.	Woburn	9-1	7
8.	Foxborough	8-1	8
9.	Newburyport	11-0	9
10.	Dracut	6-2	11
11.	Franklin	6-2	12
12.	Cathedral	8-3	10
13.	Norwell	11-1	13
14.	Lincoln-Sudbury	9-1	16
15.	Winchester	10-1	14
16.	Br.-Raynham	8-2	17
17.	Wakefield	9-2	18
18.	Rockland	9-2	19
19.	Quincy	10-1	—
20.	Peabody	7-0	20

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DOHERTY, James P.
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QUINN, Christopher James
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BEVERIDGE, Evelyn Jean
SHARON
PALMATEER, Nolan Michael
SOUTH BOSTON
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WAKEFIELD
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OUT OF STATE

NEW JERSEY
DOHERTY, James P.
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DOHERTY, James P.

BARTLETT, Barbara H.

Of Westwood, and formerly of Dedham and North Chatham, Jan. 14, age 84. Beloved daughter of the late Marshall K. and Barbara F. (Hume) Bartlett; and loving sister of Susan B. Demb of Westwood, and Charles J. Bartlett of N. Chatham. She is also survived by her nephews, Marshall Bartlett of Wayland, Jonathan Demb of Guilford, CT, David Bartlett of Scituate, and Andrew Demb of Cumberland, RI. Barbara also leaves behind four grandnephews, and four grandnieces. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside service on Sat. at 11 AM, at Union Cemetery, Rt 28, Chatham. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, PO Box 421, N. Chatham, MA 02650. For obituary and guestbook, please visit website.

Folsom Funeral Home
www.folsomfuneral.com

BEVERIDGE, Evelyn Jean

Dedicated mother, devoted wife, and adoring grandmother, passed away peacefully Friday night, January 13, 2023, at the age of 89 with her four birth-children at her side, recounting childhood memories of joy and humor.

Evie was the daughter of Alice and Joseph C. Higgins; and a loving sister to six other siblings, Mary Nash, Alice Slattery, Joe and Jimmy Higgins (all deceased) along with Ellie Rodgers and Jackie Higgins. She was also a loving aunt to 34 nieces and nephews and their children.

Evie lived a long and happy life, in spite of many setbacks. Her first husband died early of cancer in 1972, leaving her with a tough challenge and four young children, Kacey, Ned, Chris, and Peter. Never one to feel sorry for herself, Evie picked up and moved forward one day at a time with great faith and a New England determination.

She remarried in 1977 to a loving husband, J. Nelson Beveridge with his two daughters, Karen Montagnese and Janice Oliveira. Sadly, Nelson passed just over a year ago.

Evie was adored and admired for her cheerful personality, her attentiveness to those sick and isolated, her devotion to friends and family, and her finesse around the putting green.

She loved to golf and was a proud member of the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate for decades. In fact, Evie was the first woman ever elected to their Board of Directors.

She was also a member of the Ace of Clubs, Boston She was a graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart with an English degree and a great love of reading. As a single mother, Evie also worked; first at the family business, J. C. Higgins Corp. of Stoughton, and later at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, where she was never short of a recommendation.

Evie never missed a Mass, yet never forced her beliefs about anything in life on anyone. She gave everyone room to be who they were. A model in her early years, Evie was truly a beautiful spirit inside and out.

Evie is survived by her six children and their spouses; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandkids, who all bestowed to her the endearing title "Grand-E".

Her wit, humor, kindness, loving spirit, and robust laugh will be sorely missed by everyone she came in contact with. Evie was truly the embodiment of a life well lived.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours Friday, January 20, 2023, between 4 and 8 pm at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer Street, COHASSET, MA. A Mass will be celebrated at Saint Anthony's Parish, 10 Summer Street, Cohasset, MA, Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 am. Interment Milton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Foundation Fighting Blindness www.fightingblindness.org, or the Cancer Research Institute www.cancerresearch.org

McNamara-Sparrell FUNERAL HOME

BYRNES, Brian

Of Dorchester and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, formerly of South Boston, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 16, 2023, following a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Brian was 68 years old.

Loving son of the late Mary R. (McDonough) and Walter C. Byrnes, Jr. Devoted brother of Marie Laundry and her husband, Wayne of South Boston, Paula Byrnes and her wife, Cathy Carlton of North Fort Myers, FL, Ellen Hartrey, Walter C. Byrnes, III and his wife, Susan, all of Wakefield, and the late Karen Byrnes and Julie Devlin. Cherished nephew of Mary Nave of South Boston. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Brian was raised on National Street in South Boston and was a graduate of South Boston High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Brian also earned his MBA in Public Administration from Suffolk University. He later studied at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.

At the age of 19, Brian started his extensive career in public administration at Little City Hall in South Boston and retired as the Special Sheriff of Suffolk County. After retirement, Brian started his second career as an adjunct professor of psychology and sociology at Bunker Hill Community College.

Brian lived his life to the fullest. In his 68 years, Brian traveled all over the world, eventually settling in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for six months a year but never forgot his Southie roots. Brian believed in family, loyalty, and friendship. He was always there for a family member or friend. He could command a room and was a joy to be around. Brian, along with his wit and humor, will be missed by all that loved him.

Visitation in the O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester St. South Boston, on Friday, January 20, from 4-8pm. Funeral Mass in Gate of Heaven Church, 615 East Fourth Street, South Boston, on Saturday, January 21, at 10am. Mass will be livestreamed at www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment, Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Brian may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA 02135. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.obrienfunerals.com

CAPPELLO, Clara M. "Clare" (Ferranti)

Of Weston, January 16, 2023. Wife of the late John J. Cappello. Mother of John J. Cappello, Jr. of Worcester, Maryann E. Cappello and her husband, Neil O'Hear of Concord, Robert M. Cappello and his wife, Doreen of Northborough, Thomas J. Cappello of Concord, and Susan M. Lee and her husband, Richard of Billerica. Grandmother of Tina Cappello, Lisa Donnelly, Meredith O'Hear, Christopher, Ryan, Sean and Joshua Klaiber, Meaghan Pustizzi, Kathleen Estabrooks, Robert Lee and the late Johnathan Lee. Sister of the late Delfo, Delmo, Fernando, and Joseph Ferranti, Ada Morreale, Laura Casella, Mary Cassella, Delmina Subilia and Rosina Napolitano. She is also survived by many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Family and friends will honor and remember Clare's life by gathering for Calling Hours in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), WALTHAM, on Friday, January 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. and again at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning before leaving in procession to Saint Julia's Church, 374 Boston Post Road, Weston, where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Linwood Cemetery, Weston. Complete obituary, guest register, and directions available at www.JoyceFuneralHome.com

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DOHERTY, James P.

James P. Doherty, of Hingham, MA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 12, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was 84.

Born in Boston, MA, James was a son of the late Charles and Helen (Kelley) Doherty. Raised in Roslindale, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, and enjoyed a long career at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel where he worked for 50 years.

A true gentleman, his kindness, humor, and class will be missed by all.

Beloved husband of Shirley (Toon) Doherty, who passed away in 2016. Survived by his daughter, Jodi Doherty of Union City, NJ; son, Craig Simpson and his wife, Naida of Mattapan, MA; grandchildren, Joanna Simpson of Jacksonville, FL, and Naimah Simpson of Mattapan, MA; sister, Suzanne Gelinas and her late husband, Daniel of Glen Oaks, NY; brother, William Doherty and his wife, Giselle of Norton, MA. Predeceased by his sister, Patricia Doherty and brother, John Doherty. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours on Sunday, January 22, 4-7 PM at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald Street, HINGHAM.

Celebration of Life Service at funeral home on Monday, January 23, 9 AM, prior to Funeral Mass in St. Paul's Church, 147 North Street, Hingham, 10 AM.

Interment and military honors will follow in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Semper Fi & Americas Fund at www.thefund.org/donate.

Visit www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

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JARVIS, Karen (Patturelli) (Gately)

Of Falmouth, formerly of Medford, Lynnfield and London, died peacefully, at home, surrounded by her family, on January 12, after a lengthy battle with thyroid cancer. Karen leaves her mother, Diane Patturelli of Falmouth; her sister, Kristen Gavin and husband, Matthew of Falmouth; her brother, Paul Patturelli and his wife, Danielle of Peabody; her son, Nicholas Gately of Medford; her daughter, Cloe Jarvis; and son, Jack Jarvis, both of Falmouth. Karen also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Henry Patturelli. Upon graduation from Lesley University, Karen began her 20-year career with Ropes and Gray in both their Boston and London Offices. She then went on to establish her own tax consulting firm, Accurate Income Tax and Bookkeeping. Karen was a longtime volunteer at Christ the King Church in Mashpee and at St. Joseph House in Hyannis. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., MEDFORD, on Monday, January 23, from 9 – 11 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass, celebrated in St. Francis of Assisi Church,441 Fellsway West, Medford, at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Karen's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. To leave a message of condolence, visit www.dellorusso.net

Dello Russo Family Funeral Homes
Medford-Woburn

KIRMANI, Mary P. (Sikas)

Of Lexington, January 17, 2023. Beloved wife of Dr. Minhaj Kirmani. Loving mother of Anita Kirmani and her husband, Vasilis of Lexington, and Ilyas Kirmani and his partner, Boyan of New York. Sister of Nicholas Sikas of Athens, Greece. She is also survived by one 10-year-old grandchild, Theodora. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, January 21, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 17 Meriam St., Lexington, at 10am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Burial directly to follow at Westview Cemetery in Lexington. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).

Douglas

MANNION, Monica

Mannion, Monica (nee McCarthy) of Milton, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family on January 15, 2023.

Beloved wife of Dr. David Nunes of Milton. Loving mother of Thomas Mannion of Quincy. Cherished daughter of Carol A. (Bulger) McCarthy of Hanover and the late Robert D. McCarthy. Sister of Patti Higgins of Quincy, Denis McCarthy and his wife, Stacie of Dorchester, and Michael McCarthy and his wife, Jennifer of Hanover. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, colleagues and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday 4-8 PM, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., QUINCY. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 AM on Saturday, prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Elizabeth Church, Milton at 11:30 AM. Burial in Milton Cemetery, Milton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Monica may be made to The Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, https://www.jimmyfund.org/ways-to-give.

See www.Keohane.com for her complete obituary, directions, and online condolences.

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McCARTHY, Edward J. Jr.

Of Wakefield, January 15. Beloved husband of Amy (Mulrenan) McCarthy of Wakefield. He was the loving father of Timothy McCarthy and Kevin McCarthy, both of Wakefield. He was preceded in death by his sister, Maureen Cassidy and her husband, Jim. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., WAKEFIELD, on Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. A Prayer Service will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's name can be made to St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield, P.O. Box 321, Wakefield, MA 01880. For obit/guestbook, www.mcdonaldfs.com

MEISEL, Dr. Frederick L.

Of Brookline, MA died peacefully on January 14th, 2023.

Born in New York City to Joseph & Sally Meisel, he graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor's degree in English and earned a MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Adult, Adolescent, and Child Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School/ Massachusetts Mental Health Center, studying under Dr. Elvin Semrad and serving as Chief Resident. He taught in the Psychiatry Departments of Boston's Children's Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School. He was a revered teacher, supervisor, and mentor at the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute, where he was a Child and Adolescent Supervising Analyst, and served as co-chair of the child program. He also maintained a private practice for over 50 years. He was admired and deeply loved for his generosity and abiding wisdom.

Fred is survived by the love of his life, his wife Lili; his children, Zachary, Joshua, and Deborah; daughters-in-law, Courtney and Jenna; and beloved grandchildren, Alexander, Dalia, Asa, and Ira. Dear brother to Martin; and loving Uncle Fred to many.

Funeral services will be held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, 475 Washington St., CANTON, on Thursday, January 19th at 1:00 pm.

Burial will be private.

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Life Member, Brother Daniel J. Devlin, initiated on June 11, 1962, passed on January 12, 2023. Brother Devlin was a member for 60 years. We will keep you in our prayers, Daniel.

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METCALF, Robert Harris

Robert Harris Metcalf, age 87, of Norton, MA, formerly of East Hartford, CT, and Rochester, NY, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2023, at the HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, RI, with his wife Katherine (Katie Brazier Wells) by his side. Predeceased by late wife, Lois (Bergquist); parents, Walter and Edith; and stepson, Ty Wells. He leaves his son, Douglas Metcalf (Carolyn), and grandchildren, Robert (Sonja), Lindsay, and Jack; and his daughter, Camy Loucks (Jeffrey), and grandchildren Sarah and James. Funeral Services will be held at St James's Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT, on January 28 at 10:30 a.m. with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Full obituary may be found at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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NORTON, Stanley J. "Buzz" Jr.

Stan Norton was born on March 26, 1953, in Brooklyn, NY, to Stan and Noreen (Murphy) Norton. He and his sister, Noreen, were raised in the small town of Smokerise, a lakeside community in the north woods of New Jersey. As a child, Stan was nicknamed Buzz for his inexhaustible curiosity and insatiable hunger for learning.

At ten years old, the school bus in which Buzz was riding began a backward slide on a steep, snowy hill. In a panic, the driver opened the door and yelled JUMP —while SHE DID! Buzz took the wheel and brought the bus to a stop. Later, when asked what compelled him to take action, he said I didn't want to die. His first lesson in politics followed soon after as the powers-that-be in the school district were uncomfortable with this story during an election cycle. The schoolchildren were interrogated and several emerged convinced that they had invented the incident. The scandal was covered in the local paper for weeks, and the importance of integrity was cemented for Buzz as he witnessed the ease with which adults could lie.

Buzz attended Kenyon College for two years, cultivating deep and lasting friendships there. Upon leaving, he spent several years exploring Morocco, Europe and Alaska and hitchhiking through parts of the US and Canada. He found jobs as needed, including commercial fishing in the Bering Sea and piano moving, as well as goldsmithing; technical prototype and model building.

He returned to college in 1983, working for four years in ICUs at New England Medical Center and graduating with a BS in Biology from UMASS Boston. While typing his resume, he chose to drop the Buzz moniker.

Soon after, Stan was hired by a healthcare analytic company, setting in motion a career which lasted nearly four decades. His passion and focus were in the use of data to improve healthcare outcomes. An accomplished technologist, innovator and executive, he served as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) in pioneering healthcare companies. Several of these became leaders and standards in the industry. He was a trusted leader whose unique perspective and provocative questions engaged and inspired those around him. In recent years, Stan committed himself to serving as an advisor to several companies, coaching and mentoring the next generation of healthcare technologists. He was admired for his integrity, his instincts and remarkable insight, particularly his ability to perceive the motivation behind a question or proposal. When Stan was involved, his colleagues felt protected. He was deeply valued for this and deeply loved for his transparency, humor and warmth.

Stan's love for his daughter astounded him. She was his sun and moon. He beamed in her presence and lived to watch her grow, and to support her passions. In recent years, Stan insisted on driving Miss Una at every opportunity. He cherished their forty-minute school commute, often making his car his office for the day in order to be there for dismissal. They laughed uproariously and poked fun at each other. Had things gone according to plan, Stan and Una would have enjoyed their 11th annual Boston Ballet Nutcracker last month.

Being the wife of Stan Norton, has and will always be the greatest honor of Kirsten's life. Stan won her heart in their first encounter in 1996. She was dizzied by him and found herself questioning everything she thought she knew about love. They were married a year later, on three days notice, atop a fire tower on Plum Island.

Kirsten and Una's bond was a comfort to Stan, and in his final weeks as the deep love of family and village flowed in through every door, window and seam, Stan's agony over abandoning them finally lifted. He was full of gratitude and completely at peace. He felt lucky and he followed his own advice: Hold on tightly, let go lightly.

Join us for a Celebration of Stan's Life: January 28, 2023 at 1 pm at St Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Lucy's Love Bus at lucyslovebus.org

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PALMATEER, Nolan Michael

Age 34, of Sharon, formerly of Norwood, MA, and Tunkhannock, PA, died unexpectedly of heart failure, January 10, 2023 (b. March 8, 1988, Wilkes-Barre, PA). Beloved son of Brian Patrick and Jean (Stevens) Palmateer of Norwood. Loving brother of Brianna Palmateer of Allentown, PA. Grandson of Janet Elizabeth (Henry) Palmateer of Holland, NY, and the late Sanford DD Palmateer, Richard E. Stevens, and Judith L. (Sympson) Gilvey. Also survived by scores of uncles, aunts, and cousins. Nolan was best known for his sense of humor, love of drawing, singing, meticulously choreographed movements when watching his favorite musical, Annie, and his positive influence on so many people. He enjoyed hiking, swimming, kayaking, museums, flags, family vacations to historic sites and National Parks, trips to grandma's, Challenger Ball, Cub Scouts, outings and bowling with peers at the South Norfolk County ARC, and horseback riding lessons at the Mass Hospital School. Thanks to many dedicated professionals and volunteers, Nolan thrived amid medical and cognitive challenges throughout his life, starting with his first brain surgery at age six months. He benefited from inclusive special education at the Norwood Public Schools, where he helped pioneer inclusion in the preschool and after-school programs, plus neurorehabilitation and training at the May Centers in Randolph and Brockton before completing high school at Cardinal Cushing, Hanover in 2010, where he enjoyed working in recycling and central supply and waiting tables at the Iron Kettle restaurant. He flourished at the Charles River Center's Opportunities & Visions program in Needham and Natick, where he worked small jobs and volunteered at thrift stores and Meals on Wheels. By age 31, he moved into an Amego group home in Sharon and became a cherished part of their program. He learned about God and community as a joyful parishioner of St. Timothy's Church, at gatherings of Faith & Light and Young Life Capernaum, and communing with nature while helping Norwood Trails with trailblazing and cleanups. He will continue to help others through the donation of his brain and other tissue for scientific research. Visiting Hours will be Friday, January 20, 2023, 4-8pm at Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD. Funeral, Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9am prayers at Kraw-Kornack and 10am Mass at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Norwood, followed by a repast in the parish hall to share memories and celebrate Nolan's life. Private Burial at a later date. Western New York family is planning a Springtime Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nolan's memory to ARC of Massachusetts or American Brain Foundation. [Please ignore any online ads for trees or other memorials]

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QUINN, Christopher James

Age 51 of Sandwich, MA, passed peacefully on January 17, 2023. He was a loving father to Cameron, Kylee, and Cian. He is survived by his parents, Jim and Katy Quinn of New Canaan, CT; and his sisters, Kellianne Erath of Framingham, MA, Tierney Chadwick of Hudson, NH, and Kerrin Siegler of Cave Creek, AZ. He was an uncle to Dr. Alexandra Makhoul of Philadelphia, PA, and Juliette Erath of Madrid, Spain.

Chris was the owner of Happy Tails Dog Wash in Sandwich and an avid dog lover. With three Great Danes and a Boston Terrier, Chris' life was filled with rescuing dogs and caring for others' furry friends. You could often find Chris at his daughter's field hockey games even if it required travel to multiple states in one weekend. He would often be accompanied by his four-legged companion on his field hockey journeys.

Much of his life was spent enjoying time with his children who were the most important aspect for him every day. He would do anything for them.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Chris' name to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or American Kidney Fund.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Mezza Luna Restaurant, 253 Main St., Buzzards Bay, MA 02532, at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023. A luncheon will follow the service. Please verify service information at www.nickersonbournefh.com and for directions and online condolences.

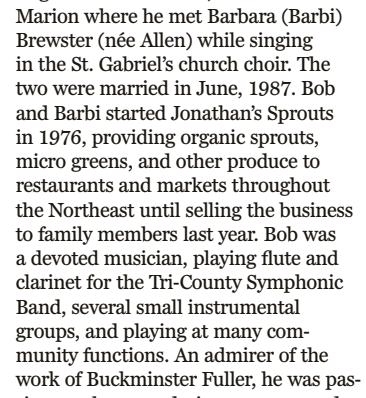
REYNOLDS, Willard H.

Age 74, of Belmont, died on January 13 of complications from Alzheimer's. Beloved husband of Margaret O'Connor Reynolds; devoted father of Elizabeth Reynolds Rooney and Meredith Hamilton Reynolds; father-in-law of Andrew Fraser Rooney; and loving grandfather of Edward and Margaret Rooney. Visiting Hours at Brown and Hickey Funeral Home, 36 Trapelo Road, BELMONT, on Thursday, January 19th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers please make donations to righttoplayusa.org in Will's honor. Online guestbook at www.brownandhickey.com

SANDERSON, Robert

A longtime resident of Marion, MA, died early in the morning of Monday, January 9, 2023. He was 79. Bob was born June 23, 1943, in Boston and grew up in Dedham and Marion with his mother, Elizabeth Moller Sanderson; and three siblings: Ken, Jane, and Colin. His father, Robert, a physician, died in 1945. Bob attended Sippican School in Marion, Phillips Academy, Andover, and the University of California, Berkeley where he was active in the free speech movement and played with several jazz bands. After his first marriage ended in divorce, he returned to Marion where he met Barbara (Barbi) Brewster (née Allen) while singing in the St. Gabriel's church choir. The two were married in June, 1987. Bob and Barbi started Jonathan's Sprouts in 1976, providing organic sprouts, micro greens, and other produce to restaurants and markets throughout the Northeast until selling the business to family members last year. Bob was a devoted musician, playing flute and clarinet for the Tri-County Symphonic Band, several small instrumental groups, and playing at many community functions. An admirer of the work of Buckminster Fuller, he was passionate about geodesic structures and designed straw models to bring Fuller concepts to the public in a hands-on way. A related project was his production of Meganets ©, geometric shapes that can be arranged to form many different designs on magnetic boards. At St. Gabriel's church, he sang in the choir for many years. Bob is survived by his wife, Barbi; brothers, Colin and Ken; his daughter, Samantha Sanderson; stepchildren, Donald and Francie Brewster; and five grandchildren, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Services will be held at St Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street in Marion, MA, on January 21, at 11 AM and livestreamed at StGabrielsMarion.org In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Gabriel's Church Choir. For online tributes, please visit: www.waring-sullivan.com

SCHULZ, Margaret M. "Peg"



Margaret M. (Emerito) Schulz died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on January 5, 2023, after a lengthy illness. She was 85.

Peg (lovingly called Marge by her close family) leaves two daughters, Elizabeth McDonald and her husband, Patrick, of Holliston, MA, and Jennifer Cushman of East Longmeadow, MA; as well as three granddaughters: Olivia, Ella, and Lilah Cushman also of East Longmeadow. She leaves her devoted partner, Edward Ridolfi of Ashland, MA. She is survived by one brother of Danbury, CT; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Peg had a fulfilling 50 year-long career as a registered nurse in the operating room at Massachusetts General Hospital, before retiring in 2004.

Following her retirement, she split her time between Florida and Newburyport, MA. She loved to travel, and enjoyed many adventures with Ed.

A private celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org

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WEDLOCK, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. (Moody) Wedlock, 92, of Wayland, died peacefully and comfortably with her family at her side on January 16, 2023.

Loving wife for 65 years of the late Clifford L. Wedlock who died on July 3, 2015. Devoted mother of Jan A. Howland and her husband Rick of Granby and Nanci A. Koutsoufis of Wayland. Cherished grandmother of Nicole R. Iannuzzi and her husband, Michael of Norfolk, Crysti Howland of Granby, Corrine Downey and her husband, Brian of Leominster and Dorthie O'Wril and her husband, Charles of Wayland. Adored great-grandmother of Isabella and Benjamin Iannuzzi; E'lenai and Victory Downey and Jace Clifford O'Wril. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Sister of the late James D. Moody; Clarence Moody; Irene Moody and Warren H. Moody.

At the request of her family, there will no funeral home visitations. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:30 am at North Cemetery, 65 Old Sudbury Rd (Rt 27), Wayland.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests that gifts in her memory may be sent to VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, 199 Rosewood Dr, Ste 180, Danvers, MA 01923, or the Barnabas Ministries, Inc, POB 126, Hopkinton, MA 02859.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of the John C. Bryant Funeral Home of WAYLAND. For a full obituary and condolences, please visit www.johncbryantfuneralhome.com

WILLIAMSON, Robert Russell, II "Russ"

Of Norwood, passed away peacefully, on November 22, 2022, at the age of 85, surrounded by his loving family. Born June 23, 1937 to Margaret (Colby) and Robert W. Williamson, Russ was proud to be a lifelong resident of Norwood. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Lee (Chamberlin); and his three sons, Mark and his wife, Mary of Norfolk; their children, Kevin, Sam and Paul; Scott of Newton; and Todd and his, wife Liz of Westwood; and their children, Holden, Avery and Graham. He was predeceased by his sisters, Margie Kinnard and Molly Crawley. Russ is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Russ graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and The Wharton School of Business, class of 1960. After graduation, Russ returned to Norwood and joined his father in the family printing business, T.O. Metcalf of Boston. He spent his entire career in the printing industry and was beloved by co-workers, customers, and vendors alike. Russ also followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, serving on the Board of Directors at the Norwood Bank for 34 years. He proudly served his country in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. He was very involved in his community. He held a variety of roles at his church, the First Congregational of Norwood, where he made lifelong friends and enjoyed singing in the choir. He also sang in a barbershop chorus for many years, traveling to competitions around the country. Russ loved nothing more than spending time with his family, working in the yard, playing tennis, traveling, and sailing. Russ and Lee loved spending time at a family cottage on Lake Sunapee, NH, and in their later years, they enjoyed time at their vacation home in Mashpee. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood, on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The family wishes to thank the dedicated staff at New Pond Village, especially at Aldridge Memory Care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at ALZ.org

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Obituaries

K. Alex Müller; awarded Nobel for superconductor work

By Dylan Loeb McClain
NEW YORK TIMES

IBM VIA NEW YORK TIMES

An undated photo from IBM showed Dr. Müller (left) and J. Georg Bednorz, who shared the 1987 Nobel Prize in Physics, working at IBM Research in Zurich.

It's rare for a scientist to receive a Nobel Prize in physics for discoveries made close to the age of 60, or for work done shortly before the prize is announced. But K. Alex Müller, a Swiss physicist, was 59 when he made his breakthrough, and he had to wait only 16 months before he received his Nobel Prize in 1987, sharing it with a colleague for discovering that some ceramics can be superconductors, opening up a world of scientific and practical possibilities.

Dr. Müller died Jan. 9 at 95, according to an announcement Tuesday by IBM, where he had worked as a researcher. The University of Zurich, where Dr. Müller was once a professor and where he maintained an office after retirement, said he died in Zurich.

A superconductor is a material, generally black, that is able to convey electricity without resistance; a current running through it will never dissipate. Superconductors have another useful property: They create powerful magnetic fields.

Superconductivity was discovered accidentally in 1911 by Heike Kamerlingh Onnes, a Dutch physicist who received the Nobel Prize in 1913 for cooling a series of gases to the point that they become liquids. That temperature is usually near absolute zero, defined as minus 460 degrees Fahrenheit, or 0 Kelvin.

Kamerlingh Onnes made his discovery about superconductivity while cooling mercury to minus 452 degrees Fahrenheit (about 4 Kelvin). He later found the superconducting temperature of tin (minus 453 degrees Fahrenheit) and lead (minus 447 degrees).

In the decades that followed, scientists made incremental progress at discovering materials that became superconductive at higher temperatures. But by the late 1970s, no one had found anything that did so at a temperature higher than minus 424 degrees, which made the use of superconductors impractical.

In the early 1980s, Dr. Müller was working at IBM Research in Zurich — a laboratory he had been associated with since 1963 — when he became interested in finding high-temperature superconductors. To work with him, he recruited J. Georg Bednorz, whom he had advised on his doctoral work at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.

They began testing strontium titanate, an oxide that is classified as a ceramic because it is neither metal nor organic. Dr. Müller had studied the properties of strontium titanate for 15 years and thought it could be modified to be a high-temperature superconductor. He turned out to be wrong, but he and Bednorz learned some valuable lessons and set about creating and testing other ceramics.

A leap forward came in 1986, when they created lanthanum barium copper oxide, a ceramic that became superconductive at about minus 400 degrees Fahrenheit. The publication of their results that year ignited a frenzy in the scientific community as others raced to find ceramics that might be superconductive at even higher temperatures.

Hugo Keller, a physics professor at the University of Zurich, described Dr. Müller's and Bednorz's research as a breakthrough.

"Nobody expected to find superconductivity in such compounds," he said. "Even more surprising was their high critical temperature."

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which awards the Nobels, promptly recognized the advance, bestowing the physics prize jointly on Dr. Müller and Bednorz in October 1987.

Within a couple of years of the discovery, scientists identified several other ceramics that worked well as high-temperature superconductors, including yttrium barium copper oxide (roughly minus 294 degrees) and bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide (roughly minus 267 degrees). Those temperatures were significantly higher than the boiling point of liquid nitrogen (minus 321 degrees), making them more practical to use as superconductors.

The real-world applications of these materials have been somewhat limited because ceramics can be brittle. But high-temperature superconductor cables were used to supply current to the magnets employed in both the CERN Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland and the Holbrook Superconductor Project on Long Island, New York.

There is hope that high-temperature superconductors can be used in the future to levitate trains over tracks, allowing them to move without mechanical resistance and at high speeds unheard of today.

Karl Alex Müller was born in Basel, Switzerland, on April 20, 1927, the only child of Paul and Irma (Feigenbaum) Müller. Soon after Alex Müller's birth, the family moved to Salzburg, Austria, where his father was studying music. A few years later, Alex Müller's parents separated, and he and his mother moved to Dornach, Switzerland, near Basel, to live with his maternal grandparents. Alex Müller and his mother then moved to Lugano, an Italian-speaking part of Switzerland.

His mother died when he was 11. He spent the next seven years at Evangelical College, a boarding school in Schiers, in eastern Switzerland. Alex Müller's time at the school coincided with the outbreak and end of World War II.

After completing his obligatory military service in the Swiss army, he enrolled as a student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. The use of atomic weapons against Japan the previous year had stimulated widespread interest in nuclear physics, and his freshman class was three times the usual size, beginning studies in what was known as the "atom bomb semester," Dr. Müller recalled in an autobiographical sketch for the Nobel committee.

At the institute, he studied under Wolfgang Pauli, an Austrian physicist who won the Nobel Prize in 1945, and Paul Scherrer, a Swiss physicist who would later have a prestigious research and engineering institute named for him.

After working for a year in an institute department specializing in industrial research, Dr. Müller entered the doctoral program there and obtained his doctorate in 1957.

He worked for the Battelle Memorial Institute in Geneva from 1958 to 1963. He was then hired at IBM Research in Zurich. During this time, he was also a lecturer and professor at the University of Zurich. He was named an IBM Fellow in 1982.

Information about his survivors was not immediately available.

Although the discovery of high-temperature superconductors was well received by the scientific community, the approach and the materials that Dr. Müller and Bednorz used were unorthodox, so much so that they decided to keep them a secret, even from their colleagues; they were afraid they'd be ridiculed.

As Bednorz explained in a 2015 interview with EP News, a CERN newsletter, "Thankfully, our colleagues working on semiconductors allowed us to use their equipment after they had left for the evening. Surprisingly, during the day, nobody noticed that many of the materials I worked with were sometimes black because they were conductors."

Sister André, 117; was world's oldest known person

By Constant Méheut
NEW YORK TIMES

DANIEL COLE/ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE/2022

Sister André "was above all a profoundly good and endearing woman," said Hubert Falco, mayor of Toulon.

PARIS — Sister André, a French nun and the world's oldest known person, who lived through two world wars and the 1918 influenza pandemic, and survived COVID-19, died Tuesday in France. She was 118.

A spokesperson for the nursing home in the southern city of Toulon, where Sister André was residing, confirmed the news in an interview with French news media and said she died during her sleep. "Humanity loses its oldest person tonight," Hubert Falco, the city's mayor, wrote on Twitter.

The French nun made headlines in recent years for being the world's oldest known survivor of COVID, according to Guinness World Records. She beat the disease with barely any complications just as she was about to turn 117.

"She kept telling me, 'I'm not afraid of COVID because I'm not afraid of dying,'" David Tavella, a spokesperson at the nursing home, Ste. Catherine Labouré, said in an interview at the time.

On Tuesday, Tavella told Agence France-Presse that it was Sister André's "desire to join her beloved brother," with whom she was close, in death. "For her, it is freedom," he said.

Born Lucile Randon on Feb. 11, 1904, Sister André grew up in a Protestant family of six in the southern town of Alès. She worked as a governess in Paris and later converted to Catholicism and was baptized at age 26. She joined a charitable order about two decades later and took on her ecclesiastical title.

Sister André was assigned to a hospital in Vichy, where she cared for orphans and others for three decades.

She was known for her generosity, often aiding older people younger than herself. "Sister André was above all a profoundly good and endearing woman, dedicated to others," Falco said.

Besides, Sister André told reporters last year, "Work kept me alive."

She lived through 18 French presidents and 10 popes. Her relatives said she always had vivid memories of global events, including the two world wars. She said in interviews that she saw many French soldiers who fought in the 1954-62 Algerian independence war returning traumatized to the hospital where she worked.

"Since I came into this world, I have only seen wars and fights," Sister André said in an interview as she celebrated her 118th birthday.

Sister André's story of surviving COVID-19 in early 2021 was uplifting news during the coronavirus pandemic, with nursing homes particularly at risk.

Nearly all of the 88 residents of her nursing home had become infected, and several died.

"It's difficult to fathom that someone born before the patenting of plastic, zips, or even bras was alive well into the 21st century, and robust enough to beat COVID-19," Craig Glenday, the editor-in-chief of Guinness World Records, said in a statement.

The French nun became the world's oldest known person after the death of Japan's Kane Tanaka, who died last year at 119, according to Guinness World Records. With Sister André's death, the oldest known person, according to the Gerontology Research Group, which validates those thought to be 110 or older, is Maria Branyas Morera. She was born in the United States, lives in Spain and is 115.

Glenday said Sister André was "the fourth-oldest person ever authenticated."

The French president's office said in a statement that "she had become for the French a symbol of continuity and resistance, a memory of the century."

Blind and in a wheelchair during her last years at the nursing home, Sister André at times felt lonely and dependent, she told French news outlets in interviews in recent years.

She was known to be a gourmet. For her 117th birthday, she ate foie gras, roasted capon, cheese, and a dessert similar to a baked Alaska.

She said in several interviews that she enjoyed a daily diet of wine and chocolate.

"Perhaps her secret of longevity," Tavella said.

Carl Hahn, VW CEO who pushed Beetle in US

By Laurence Arnold
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Carl Hahn, who led Volkswagen AG's international expansion in the 1980s after directing the rise of the Volkswagen Beetle in the United States in the 1960s, has died. He was 96.

Dr. Hahn died in his sleep on Saturday at his home in Wolfsburg, Germany, according to a spokeswoman from his charitable foundation. A ceremony is planned for Jan. 24.

As head of New York-based Volkswagen of America Inc. from 1959 to 1964, Dr. Hahn took a hands-on approach to selling cars. He toured the United States in a VW bus, using his charisma and excellent English to turn Americans onto "the Volkswagen way," Andrea Hiott wrote in "Thinking Small: The Long, Strange Trip of the Volkswagen Beetle" (2012). He computerized Volkswagen's offices and standardized service to increase efficiency.

Most important, he brought Volkswagen to Madison Avenue, choosing Doyle Dane Bernbach — which became DDB Worldwide, part of Omnicom Group Inc. — to design what Advertising Age magazine called the top campaign of the 20th century.

As conceived by art director Helmut Krone and copywriter Julian Koenig, the plan included the unconventional print ads "Think Small," celebrating the compact size of the Beetle, and "Lemon," focusing on quality control.

At a time when US automakers were running "stupid advertising" focusing on the ever-changing looks of their cars, VW and DDB presented "our philosophy of a car that doesn't change for the reason of change, only for the benefit of the consumer," Dr. Hahn said in a 2011 talk at the University of California-Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

Dr. Hahn's marketing skills helped the Beetle become the best-selling single car model in history, with more than 21.5 million produced between 1945 and 2003. Though commissioned and envisioned by Adolf Hitler, the Beetle was embraced by America, where it inspired artists, transported hippies, and starred as Herbie in the Disney movie franchise that began with "The Love Bug" (1968).

Dr. Hahn returned to VW headquarters in Wolfsburg following his election to Volkswagen's governing board in 1964 and led the sales department. He lost his seat in a shakeup that took effect in early 1973 and left VW to lead Continental Gummi-Werke, Germany's largest rubber company, a forerunner of Hanover, Germany-based Continental AG.

In 1982, Volkswagen brought Dr. Hahn back as chairman and CEO following the resignation of Toni Schmucker. During Dr. Hahn's tenure, Volkswagen became the No. 1 carmaker in Europe, opened new plants in China and Eastern Europe, acquired the Spanish car company Seat SA, and introduced new versions of its Golf model, known in the United States as the Rabbit.

Following the fall of the Iron Curtain, Dr. Hahn put Volkswagen's industrial might behind German unification, building plants in the formerly communist East, and entered a joint venture with Czech carmaker Skoda Auto.

Carl Horst Hahn Jr. was born on July 1, 1926, in Chemnitz, part of the Saxony region of eastern Germany, to Carl Hahn and the former Maria Kusel. His father headed sales for Auto Union AG, the carmaker that is a forerunner to what became Audi AG.

Drafted as a teenager into the German military, Dr. Hahn ended World War II in a US-run prison camp in Ingolstadt, he told a German newspaper in 2011.

He fled communist East Germany for the West after the war, earning a doctorate in economics from the University of Bern in 1952. He trained in Italy for Fiat and worked in Paris for the Organization for European Economic Cooperation.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT

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From left: Jyuddah James, Rose Williams, and Crystal Clarke in "Sanditon," which returns for its third and final season on March 19.

What's new — and returning — to 'Masterpiece'

Here's a quick look at what's coming up on PBS's "Masterpiece."

1. The adaptation of Jane Austen's "Sanditon" is returning for its third and final season on March 19. That's the show that was brought back from cancellation by passionate fans, who were willing to embrace writer Andrew Davies's heavy alterations to Austen's unfinished final novel. Will Charlotte finally get her Austenian happy ending?

2. On April 30, "Masterpiece" is premiering a new four-episode series based on Henry Fielding's 1749 classic, "Tom Jones." It has been adapted by Gwyneth Hughes, whose credits include Amazon's excellent 2018 adaptation of "Vanity Fair" and the HBO miniseries "Five Days." In the press release, Hughes calls the novel "the mother of all romcoms," adding that it's "sexy and fun; it's also a dramatic rollercoaster, addressing modern concerns around consent, sexual equality and the pursuit of happiness."

Solly McLeod, who played Rhaenyra's husband's lover on "House of the Dragon," stars as Tom Jones, with Sophie Wilde as Sophia Western. Also on board: Hannah Waddingham from "Ted Lasso," who plays the vengeful Lady Bellaston.

3. "Magpie Murders," the entertaining six-part mystery starring Lesley Manville that ran last fall, is getting a sequel also based on an Anthony Horowitz novel. Like "Magpie Murders," "Moonflower Murders" will also be a six-parter adapted for TV by Horowitz and starring Manville as book editor turned sleuth Susan Ryeland. No date yet.

4. "Masterpiece" is going to run the three-part "Nolly" in this country. The series is from Russell T Davies, the impressive writer-producer of "Years and Years," "Torchwood," "Queer as Folk," and "Doctor Who." About Noele "Nolly" Gordon, a popular British TV star in the 1960s and '70s whose abrupt firing from the soap opera "Crossroads" in 1981 made headlines, it will star Helena Bonham Carter in the title role. No date yet.

ASK AMY

Marrying woman worries about who will pay

Q. Recently my partner and I got engaged. We're both women. My parents won't attend our wedding for religious reasons.

If it was just us paying for the wedding, we'd be going to city hall and a bar afterward with friends. (I am a full-time grad student.)

My partner's parents are willing to foot the bill. They've been supportive of our relationship and my career, treat me like family, and are financially able.

I'm wondering who I can/should invite. I have a large out-of-town family who, unlike my parents, are supportive.

I'm self-conscious about putting people on my in-laws' tab, while my parents are not participating. I want to express gratitude for their generosity, but expressing any preferences in planning feels bratty. I know I'm running the risk of looking disinterested or ungrateful.

I'd rather avoid it all, but don't want my partner or her family to suffer from my parents' absence and their refusal to contribute.

Can you offer some direction?

BEWILDERED BRIDE

A. I advocate for couples to finance their own weddings. This involves both parties fully participating to raise the money for their wedding and reception. Couples sometimes do this by going to family members.

In "traditional" weddings, the bride's parents are expected to pay for the wedding reception, and so you could see this offer as hewing to a traditional practice. They understand that this is a wedding involving you both.

What's missing here is your participation in the process. Your embarrassment regarding your parents' rejection seems to be suppressing your own obligation, which is to take part in the planning.

Communicating about this will be good practice for the rest of your marriage. You should express all of your concerns to your partner, and the two of you should have a fully transparent meeting with her parents. (Would any of your extended family members be able and willing to perhaps host a rehearsal dinner? This is something to discuss.)

It's important to understand that even if her folks are fully financing the wedding, you and your partner have equal rights to review your guest lists and work together to add to your lists — or winnow them down.

Depending on the budget, you both may be able to invite everyone you want to invite, and I hope you can.

Q. My ex-fiancee, "Alyse," dumped me because I have women friends.

There was nothing other than friendship. My interactions with them never affected my time with Alyse, and I was always transparent. Even so, Alyse gave an ultimatum that I drop my women friends, which I refused, and after a while, she ended the relationship.

Part of the problem is Alyse had been seeing a therapist who told her that I "have women friends to feed my ego," that I "prey on insecure women," and that I had "an asexual love relationship" with one friend. Her therapist also discouraged Alyse from going to couples counseling with me when I proposed it. Other than that issue, our relationship had been amazing.

We don't talk now, which is partly my fault, because I, regrettably, blew up when she ended things. However, I miss her like crazy and wonder if I should have given in to her demands and if there's any way to reconnect.

Do you have any suggestions?

MISSING HER

A. It is hard to imagine a therapist advising against joint counseling, unless with an abuser. "Alyse" may have misrepresented her therapist's views.

You say that your interactions with women friends never affected your time with Alyse, and yet they did, because these relationships brought forth so much insecurity. Regardless, she laid down her non-negotiables and then followed through. That's the whole point of an ultimatum.

I suspect that if you had given in, other underlying and serious issues would have surfaced. I suggest that you move on.

Q. It is hard to fathom you stated the following in response to a reader regarding tipping: "I do agree that the whole experience is upside down: Restaurant workers are underpaid, and consumers are expected to foot the bill."

Of course consumers will foot the bill! "Footing the bill" will be either via tips directly to those who serve us or higher restaurant prices if owners are required to pay more to employees.

It may be time for a refresher econ class.

READER

A. Great point! I should have noted that entrusting a server's income to consumers instead of employers might be one reason for the staff shortage in restaurants.

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Movies Sports News Specials

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2 WGBH PBS	Greater Boston	R. Steves' Europe	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Rick Steves Art of Europe (CC) TV-PG		Rick Steves Art of Europe (CC) TV-PG		Amanpour and Company HD NEW	
4 WBZ CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! TV-G NEW	Young Sheldon	(8:31) Ghosts	(9:01) So Help Me Todd HD TV-14		CSI: Vegas (CC) HD TV-14-L,V		WBZ News 11p	Late-Colbert
5 WCVB ABC	NewsCenter 5	Chronicle (CC)	Celebrity Jeopardy! HD TV-PG-L		The Parent Test HD TV-PG		The Chase HD TV-PG-L		NewsCenter 5	Jimmy Kimmel
6 WLNE ABC	Hollywood	Inside Ed.	Celebrity Jeopardy!		The Parent Test		The Chase TV-PG-L		News	J. Kimmel
7 WHDH	Inside Edition TV-PG	Extra TV-PG NEW	Family Feud	Family Feud	7 News at 9PM (CC) NEW		7 News at 10PM (CC) NEW		7 News at 11PM NEW	Inside Edition TV-PG
9 WMUR ABC	Chronicle	News	Celebrity Jeopardy!		The Parent Test		The Chase TV-PG-L		News	J. Kimmel
10 NBC Boston	Boston News	Access Hollywood	Law & Order HD TV-14-L,V		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit HD		Law & Order: Organized Crime HD		Boston News	Tonight Show
10 WJAR NBC	NBC 10 News	Extra TV-PG NEW	Law & Order HD TV-14-L,V		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit HD		Law & Order: Organized Crime HD		News	Tonight Show
11 WENH PBS	Travelscope	R. Steves' Europe	Windows Wild	Stories-Stage	Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards		Stand: How One Gesture Shook World		(11:10) Amanpour and Company HD NEW	
12 WPRI CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! TV-G NEW	Young Sheldon	(8:31) Ghosts	(9:01) So Help Me Todd HD TV-14		CSI: Vegas (CC) HD TV-14-L,V		12 News at 11 NEW	Late-Colbert
25 WFXT FOX	Ent. Tonight	TMZ (CC) TV-PG NEW	Hell's Kitchen HD TV-14-L		Welcome to Flatch	Call Me Kat	Boston 25 News at 10PM HD NEW		Boston News	National News
27 WUNI	La rosa de Guadalupe HD TV-14		Vencer la ausencia HD		Mi camino es amarte HD NEW		Cabo Lucía interroga a la familia de Sofía. NEW		Noticias Univisión	Noticiero Univision:
36 WSBE PBS	Cook's Country	Story-Public Sq	Double Feature: Presented by RI		Castles: Secrets, Mysteries and Legends		The Story of Queen Victoria (CC) TV-PG		PBS NewsHour (CC) HD	
38 WSBK	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	WBZ News 8p (CC) HD NEW		Daytime Jeopardy	Big Bang Theory	CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (CC) NEW		Seinfeld TV-PG	Seinfeld TV-PG
44 WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	Hotel Portofino TV-14		Agatha Christie's Poirot (CC) TV-PG		A Confession (CC) TV-14		PBS NewsHour (CC) HD NEW	
50 WWJE	Targeted for Murder		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		Dateline (CC) TV-14-V		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		The Last 24 TV-14	
56 WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Walker (CC) HD TV-PG-V		Walker Independence HD TV-14-D,V		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (CC) NEW		Modern Family	Modern Family
64 WNAC FOX	Family Feud	Family Feud	Hell's Kitchen HD TV-14-L		Welcome to Flatch	Call Me Kat	12 News on Fox Providence at 10pm NEW		Seinfeld TV-PG	Seinfeld TV-PG
68 WBPX ION	Chicago P.D. (CC) TV-14-L,V		Chicago P.D. (CC) TV-14-V		Chicago P.D. (CC) TV-14		Chicago P.D. (CC) TV-14-D,L,V		Chicago P.D. (CC) TV-14-D,L,V	
PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax	(6:10) ★★ The Other Woman (2014)		★ 12 Rounds (2009) (CC) An escaped convict kidnaps a cop's fiancee. PG-13				(9:48) 12 Rounds 2: Reloaded (2013) (CC) R		(11:23) Nobody R	
Flix	(5:35) Sense and Sensibility (1995)		★★★ Mermaids (1990) A teen deals with her first love and an unconventional mom.				★★★ Baby Boom (1987) (CC) PG			
HBO	(6:00) ★★ Reminiscence (2021)		★★ The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015) (CC) PG-13				The Last of Us (CC) TV-MA		Miller-Sin City	
HBO 2	(6:35) The Last of Us (CC) TV-MA		★★★ Gone Girl (2014) (CC) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary. R					★★★ The Menu (2022) (CC) R		
Showtime	Monstrous (2022) (CC) PG-13			★★★ Crawl (2019) (CC) R			Your Honor (CC) TV-MA		★★ Paid in Full (2002) (CC) R	
Showtime 2	(6:00) 13 Minutes (2021) (CC) PG-13		★★ Twilight (2008) (CC) PG-13				(10:05) ★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) (CC) PG-13			
Starz!	Capt. America	(7:19) ★★ Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021) PG-13			Charlie's Angels (2019) The Angels must retrieve a weapon of mass destruction.				(11:02) The Swearing Jar (2022) (CC) NR	
TMC	(6:15) American Hangman (2019) (CC) NR		★★★ We Were Soldiers (2002) (CC) Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese. R					★★★ Thank You for Your Service (2017) (CC) R		
SPORTS										
CBSSN	College Basketball UNC-Wilmington at Hofstra. Live. NEW				College Basketball Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech. Live. NEW				College Basketball BYU at Santa Clara.	
ESPN	College Basketball (CC) Michigan at Maryland. Live. NEW				NHL Hockey (CC) Tampa Bay Lightning at Edmonton Oilers. Live. NEW				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball (CC) Purdue at Minnesota. Live. NEW				2023 Australian Open Tennis (CC) Third Round. Live. NEW					
Fox Sports 1	(6:30) College Basketball (CC) Rutgers at Michigan State. NEW		College Basketball (CC) Indiana at Illinois. Live. NEW					College Basketball (CC) UCLA at Arizona State. Live. NEW		
Golf	PGA Champions						Golf C'tral	PGA Golf		
NBA	On This Day			NBA	NBA All-Star				Basketball Stories	
NBC Sports Boston	Celtics Pregame	Quick Slants	Quick Slants	Celtics Halftime	Pure Outdoor (CC)	The Immortals	Celtics Postgame	Celtics Post	Boston Sports Tonight with Felger and Holley	
NESN	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at New York Rangers. NEW					Bruins	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Rangers		
FAMILY										
Cartoon	Scooby	Scooby	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick
Disney	Hamster & Gretel	Big City Greens	★★ Gnomeo & Juliet (2011) (CC) Premiere. G			Hamster & Gretel	Big City Greens	Hamster & Gretel	Ladybug & Cat	Ladybug & Cat
Encore Family	Wings: Sky		★★ Sidekicks			(9:42) Dragon Ball Super: Broly				All Saints
Nickelodeon	Loud	Fairly	Slimetime	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
Nick Jr.	Peppa Pig	Blue	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW

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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	The First 48 (CC) TV-PG		The First 48 (CC) TV-PG		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (CC) TV-14		(10:01) Taking the Stand (CC) TV-14		(11:04) The First 48 (CC) TV-PG	
AMC	(5:45) John Wick (CC)		★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 (2017) (CC)					John Wick: Chapter 3		
Animal Planet	Homestead Rescue TV-PG		Homestead Rescue TV-PG		Homestead Rescue TV-PG		Homestead Rescue TV-PG		Homestead Rescue TV-PG	
BBC America	(6:00) Zombieland		★★★ Edward Scissorhands (1990) (CC)					Mayfair Witches (CC)	Mayfair	
BET	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	New York Undercover (CC) TV-14-D		(10:07) New York Undercover TV-14-L		(11:14) New York Undercover TV-14-V	
Bravo	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles TV-14-L		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles TV-14-L		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles TV-14-L		Watch What	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles TV-14-L	Easy A	
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight (CC) NEW		CNN Tonight (CC) NEW	
Comedy Central	The Office TV-14-L	The Office TV-14-D,L	The Office TV-14-D,L	The Office TV-14-D,L	The Office TV-14-D,L	The Office TV-14-L	The Office TV-14-D,L	The Office TV-14-L	The Daily Show	South Park (CC)
CSPAN	(5:00) Public Affairs Events (CC)									
CSPAN2	Jemele Hill, Uphill		David So	After Words		S. Horton	J. Chin-L. Lin		Peace Prize	
Dest. America	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes	
Discovery	BattleBots TV-PG		BattleBots (CC) TV-PG				(10:01) BattleBots (CC) TV-PG			
Discovery Life	Untold Stories of ER		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis	
E!	(6:30) ★★ The Intern (2015) (CC)				★★ The Intern (2015) (CC)					E! News
Encore	(6:22) ★ Sex Tape		The Misfits (2021) (CC) R			(9:38) Rise of the Planet of the Apes				Runaway
Food	NFL Tailgate Takedown (CC) TV-G		Restaurant: Impossible (CC) TV-G		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Chef Dynasty: House of Fang (CC) TV-G	
Fox News	Jesse Watters		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (CC) Live. NEW		The Ingraham Angle		Gutfeld! (CC) NEW	
Freeform	★★ Dr. Dolittle 2 (2001) (CC)				★★ Maleficent (2014) (CC)				The 700 Club (CC)	
FUSE	Buffy, Vampire Slayer		Big Freedia		Big Freedia		My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
FX	(6:00) Monster Hunter		★★★ Zombieland (2009) (CC)				★★★ Zombieland (2009) (CC)			
FXM	Proud	(7:40) ★★ Predators (2010) (CC)					(9:50) ★★ Predators (2010) (CC)			
Hallmark	In the Key of Love		Hearts of Winter (2020) (CC) TV-G				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M.&M.	The Holiday Stocking (2022) (CC) TV-G				Family History Mysteries: Buried Past TV-PG				Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	Christina in the Country (CC)		Christina in the Country (CC) TV-G		(9:01) Married to Real Estate (CC) TV-G		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	(11:02) Married to Real Estate TV-G	
History	Swamp People (CC) TV-PG-L,V		Swamp People Joey and Zak lure in giants. TV-PG-L,V NEW			(9:35) Swamp People: Serpent Invasion		(10:35) Swamp People Troy aims to get an early lead. TV-PG-L,V		
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	Gotta See G		Gotta See G		The List With		The List With		Let's Organize!	
ID	Your Worst Nightmare (CC) TV-14		People Magazine Investigates (CC) TV-14		The Price of Glee (CC) TV-14		The Price of Glee (CC) TV-14		The Price of Glee (CC) TV-14	
IFC	★★★ Steel Magnolias (1989) (CC)					(9:45) ★★ The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (CC)				
Lifetime	Castle TV-PG-L,V		★★ Madea's Big Happy Family (2011) (CC)					Abducted: Carlina White		
LMN	Homecoming Revenge		Dying for a Crown (2022) (CC) Premiere. TV-14				The Shoplifting Pact (2022) (CC) TV-14-V			
MAGN	Barnwood Builders		Craftsman	Craftsman	Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders	
MSNBC	The ReidOut (CC) NEW		All In With		Alex Wagner Tonight		The Last Word With		11th Hour	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Siesta Key TV-14		MTV Cribs	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
National Geographic	Lost Treasures of Egypt (CC) TV-PG		Port Protection Alaska (CC) TV-14		Port Protection Alaska (CC) TV-14		(10:15) Life Below Zero: Next Generation: Survival Mode TV-14		Port Protection	
NatGeoWild	Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan		Animal Kingdom		Cesar Millan	
NECN	necn NOW NEW		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		LX Current-NECN		1st Look	House
NewsNation	On Balance		Cuomo (CC) NEW		Dan Abrams Live NEW		Banfield (CC) NEW		Cuomo (CC)	
Ovation	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Frankie Drake	
OWN	20/20 on OWN TV-14		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered TV-PG				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered TV-PG				Accident, Suicide	
Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ The Town (2010) (CC)						American Sniper (CC)	
QVC	Feel Good Finds		Susan Graver Style (CC) Live. TV-G NEW				It's Good to Be Home (CC) Live. TV-G NEW			
Science	What on Earth? TV-PG		What on Earth? TV-PG		What on Earth? TV-PG		What on Earth? TV-PG		What on Earth? TV-PG	
Sundance	Law & Order (CC) TV-14		Law & Order (CC) TV-14		Law & Order (CC) TV-14		Law & Order (CC) TV-14-L		Law & Order (CC) TV-14	
SyFy	Charmed TV-PG-L,V		Charmed TV-PG-D,V		Charmed TV-PG-L,V		Charmed TV-PG-D,L,V		Charmed TV-PG-L,V	
TBS	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	NFL Tailgate	
TCM	Dr Zhvago	Pasternak	★★★ Crossing Delancey (1988) (CC)				★★★ Over the Brooklyn Bridge (1984)			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life TV-PG		My 600-Lb. Life: Where Are They Now? TV-14				1000-Lb. Best Friends		Too Large TV-14-L	
TNT	Tip-Off	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Celtics					NBA Basketball: Nets at Suns			
Travel	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Haunted Museum		The Haunted Museum	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes
TV Land	Andy G.	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	Cosby	Cosby	Diff. World	Diff. World	Urban One Honors: Icons of the Culture				Diff. World	Diff. World
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-D,L		★★ Olympus Has Fallen (2013) (CC) A disgraced agent must rescue the president.					★★ Angel Has Fallen (2019) (CC)		
VH-1	(6:30) ★★ Madea's Witness Protection (2012)				★★ What Men Want (2019) (CC)					
WE	Law Order: CI		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop		Kold x Windy (CC)		Partners	Hip Hop

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Business community has a big ask of new governor: Tackle taxes

JON CHESTO

CHESTO MEANS BUSINESS

‘There are things she can do to send a signal to the investment world, that [say] “forget about that millionaires tax thing, we’re open for business here.” ’

STEVE TOCCO, *chairman, Boston lobbying firm ML Strategies*

As Maura Healey prepares for her first speech to a business group as governor next week, she should get ready to talk taxes.

Still smarting from the lost ballot fight over the so-called millionaires tax and the Legislature’s failure to adopt a tax reform package, business leaders are eager for the newly elected Democratic governor to address policy issues that they say prompt people and businesses to relocate or decide not to come here.

Can Healey work with the Legislature to improve the state’s economic competitiveness? That’s the pressing concern among Associated Industries of Massachusetts, which hosts Healey on Jan. 26, and among numerous other business groups.

They want Healey to address the relatively high cost of doing business here by tackling challenges such as anemic housing production, congested highways, a crumbling transit system, and inadequate child care. Then there’s this request: Get tax reform done, at last.

“There are things she can do to send a signal to the investment world, that [say] ‘Forget about that millionaires tax thing, we’re open for business here,’ ” said Steve Tocco, chairman of Boston lobbying firm ML Strategies.

Then-governor Charlie Baker started the conversation a year ago, proposing a package of tax cuts amid a huge budget surplus. The business community embraced Baker’s two priciest proposals: reducing the short-term capital gains tax and increasing the minimum threshold for the estate tax. Baker, a Republican, also proposed increasing state tax breaks for child care, renters, and seniors.

The House and the Senate approved versions of Baker’s proposal, though neither chamber adopted the capital gains cut. But time ran out before their differences could be reconciled. Tax reform, to the business community’s dismay, was left for the next two-year legislative session — and the next governor.

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Shocking **increases**

Families make changes as electric bills rise, driven up by inflation and the war in Ukraine

CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

Garrett Schick made bean soup for his family, while his wife and son fed their dog, Benson, at their home in Quincy

>40%
Estimated increase, from January to June, of the average monthly electric bill of a typical Eversource residential customer.

64%
Estimated increase, begining Nov. 1, of the average monthly electric bill of a typical National Grid residential customer.

24%
Estimated increase, begining Nov. 1 of the average monthly natural gas bill of a typical National Grid residential customer.

17%
Increased electrical usage in December by the Schick family of Quincy, customers of National Grid.

42%
Increase in their December electric bill, to $378.16 from $218.50.

By Hannah Nguyen
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When Garrett Schick received his electric bill after Christmas and saw a 73 percent increase from his last bill, he and his family made the tough decision to return holiday gifts to make ends meet.

The 33-year-old’s family of three had been figuring out ways to manage their expenses since moving to Quincy from Dorchester in September. While they only increased their electricity usage by 17 percent last month, Schick’s December bill was $378.16, up from $218.50 the previous month. And his January bill is $30 more still — 85 percent higher than just two months ago.

The increase was “pretty staggering,” Schick said. “You start trying to figure out what the heck happened.”

As electric bills have skyrocketed this winter, Massachusetts residents like Schick are feeling the impact of factors such as inflation and the war in Ukraine. National Grid, one of the state’s major utility companies, said in September that the monthly electric bill of a typical residential consumer would increase by 64 percent, and the average monthly natural gas bill would increase by 24 percent for the six months beginning Nov. 1.

Meanwhile, Eversource filed an increase in electric rates in mid-November of more than 40 percent, which will last from January through June. And the company said monthly gas bills have increased by 25 percent or 34 percent over last winter, depending on customers’ location.

National Grid blamed “global conflict, inflationary pressures, and high demand” for the hike in utility prices, while Eversource said that “global pressures” increased the price of natural gas worldwide. Most of the electricity in New England is generated by plants that burn natural gas; the cost of natural gas has increased since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the natural gas shortage in Europe took hold.

After Schick’s December electricity bill came through, he revisited his family’s budget plans for the winter. They primarily shop at Trader Joe’s, he said, because it is significantly cheaper than nearby Star Markets and Stop & Shops. They cook dinners in larger batches that last multiple days and

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IT’S ONLY JANUARY, BUT JOB CUTS ADDING UP

Microsoft to cut 10,000 workers

By Karen Weise
NEW YORK TIMES

Microsoft on Wednesday became the latest addition to a growing list of big technology companies to lay off employees because of worries about the economy and overhiring during the pandemic.

The company plans to lay off 10,000 workers, Satya Nadella, Microsoft’s chief executive, said Wednesday, as it looks to trim costs amid economic uncertainty and to refocus on strategic priorities, such as artificial intelligence.

Microsoft employed about 221,000 workers as of the end of June, and the cuts amount to less than 5 percent of its global workforce.

With the cuts, Microsoft becomes the latest tech giant to pull back after a

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BUSINESS WIRE

American Robotics, a drone startup in Waltham, laid off 65 percent of its staff last week, a trend seen with other local tech companies.

New year brings new tech layoffs

By Anissa Gardizy
GLOBE STAFF

Already in 2023, there’s been a quick string of layoffs in the local technology sector.

American Robotics, a drone startup in Waltham, laid off 65 percent of its staff last week, or about 50 people, according to former employees. Definitive Healthcare in Framingham laid off 6 percent of its workforce, or 55 people, and Cambridge software company Pegasystems laid off 4 percent, or 250 people. And on Wednesday, Boston wireless Internet firm Starry cut about one-quarter of its workforce, or 100 people.

Earlier this month, Boston software company Jellyfish laid off 9 percent of its staff, and Whoop laid off 4 percent of its corporate workforce. Layoffs have also hit Boston’s Embark Veterinary, a dog DNA-testing startup, and SimpliSafe, a home security company, which is closing its Taunton warehouse.

Each layoff has its own reasons. But the range of companies affected shows that the tech community is still adjusting to the economic slowdown, uncertain market conditions, and (in some cases) over-hiring.

The Globe has also reported that tech companies — once in growth mode but now cutting back — are responsible for nearly half of the office space available on the sublease market in Boston.

“This year will likely be choppy,” said David Chang, general manager of recruiting startup Hunt Club’s expert network in Boston.

Definitive Healthcare CEO Robert Musslewhite cited changing economic conditions, which led some companies to become more cautious about their purchasing decisions, as well as aggressive hiring on his part, as reasons for the company’s cuts.

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TALKING POINTS

RETAIL

PARTY CITY FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

NEW YORK — Party City has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after struggling with rising prices and a pullback in customer spending. The company, based in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., said that its franchise stores, subsidiaries outside of the US, and its foil balloons Anagram business are not part of the restructuring and will remain core components of its business. Party City Holdco Inc., said its more than 800 company-owned and franchise stores throughout North America will remain open, and customers can still shop on the company website. Party City for years has faced growing competition from Walmart and Target and increasingly from occasion-based pop-up stores such as Spirt Halloween. That pressure has intensified in an era of rising prices, including for helium used in party balloons, and slowing consumer demand. — Associated Press

ECONOMY

CONSUMER SPENDING DOWN IN DECEMBER FOR A SECOND MONTH

NEW YORK — Americans cut back on spending in December, the second consecutive month they've done so, underscoring how inflation and the rising cost of using credit cards slowed consumer activity over the crucial holiday shopping season. Retail sales fell 1.1 percent in December, following a revised 1 percent drop in November, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. In October, retail sales ticked up 1.3 percent, helped by early holiday shopping. Auto sales declined as rising interest rates for auto loans crimped demand. That, and falling gas prices, helped to pull overall retail sales lower. — Associated Press

MUSIC

TAYLOR SWIFT BOOSTED THE BOTTOM LINE AT UNIVERSAL MUSIC

Taylor Swift's "Midnights" album helped the US artist generate $230 million in sales for Universal Music last year, according to JPMorgan Chase. Swift, 33, represented close to 3 percent of the company's revenues from recorded music in 2022, with the biggest boost coming in the fourth quarter after the release of the album, analysts including Daniel Kerven wrote in a note. — Bloomberg News

INTERNATIONAL

NURSES STRIKE IN BRITAIN

LONDON — Thousands of nurses in Britain walked out Wednesday in a new protest over pay, with no end in sight to a wave of strikes that has piled pressure on the UK's overburdened public health system. Two 12-hour strikes on Wednesday and Thursday affect about a quarter of hospitals and clinics in England. Emergency care and cancer treatment will continue, but thousands of appointments and procedures are likely to be postponed. Nurses, ambulance crews, train drivers, airport baggage handlers, border staff, driving instructors, bus drivers, and postal workers have all walked off their jobs in recent months to demand higher pay amid a cost-of-living crisis. Inflation in the UK hit a 41-year high of 11.1 percent in October, driven by sharply rising energy and food costs, before easing slightly to 10.5 percent in December. — Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

BASF EXIT FROM RUSSIA COST IT BILLIONS

BERLIN — Germany-based chemicals maker BASF says it is taking some 7.3 billion euros ($7.9 billion) in write-downs related to the exit from Russia of its Wintershall Dea gas and oil subsidiary. Wintershall Dea said late Tuesday that it "intends to fully exit Russia in an orderly manner complying with all applicable laws and regulations." The unit's CEO, Mario Mehren, said in a statement that "continuing to operate in Russia is not tenable." "Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine is incompatible with our values and has destroyed cooperation between Russia and Europe," he added. He also pointed to restrictions imposed by the Russian government on the operations of Western countries and "external interferences in our joint venture operations." — Associated Press

E-COMMERCE

AMAZON BEGINS ITS LAYOFFS

Amazon is set to begin a round of layoffs ultimately affecting more than 18,000 employees in the largest job cull in its history, which it announced earlier this month. The cuts come as the retailer grapples with slowing online sales growth and braces for a possible recession affecting the spending power of its customers. The eliminations started last year and initially fell hardest on Amazon's Devices and Services group, which builds the Alexa digital assistant and Echo smart speakers. The latest round, scheduled to commence Wednesday, will mostly affect the retail division and human resources. — Bloomberg News

GAMBLING

CASINO JUNKET ORGANIZER IN MACAO SENTENCED TO JAIL

MACAO — The founder of Macao's once-biggest casino junket organizer was sentenced Wednesday to 18 years in jail after being convicted of operating illegal gaming activities, running a criminal organization, and numerous other charges. Alvin Chau, former chairman of Suncity Group, was arrested in Macao in November 2021 shortly after Chinese authorities issued an arrest warrant for him based on accusations that he ran an illegal cross-border gambling syndicate with others. Macao is the only place in China where casinos are legal, and junket operators such as Suncity were a key part of its gaming industry. They helped facilitate gambling for high rollers outside the former Portuguese colony, including arranging travel services and extending credit for them. — Associated Press

OPIOID CRISIS

WEST VIRGINIA SETTLES WITH WALGREENS IN OPIOID SUIT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia has settled for $83 million with Walgreens for the pharmacy store chain's role in perpetuating the opioid crisis in the state with the most per capita overdose deaths, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced Wednesday. That brings the total brought in from opioid litigation to more than $950 million, according to the attorney general's office. The state now has one remaining opioid case to close out. A trial with Kroger is set for June. — Associated Press

FOOD

CAMPBELL'S TO CONSOLIDATE IN NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN, N.J. — Campbell's Soup Co. plans to spend about $50 million to upgrade of its headquarters in New Jersey as it consolidates the central offices of snacks businesses from North Carolina and Connecticut. The company announced Wednesday it will add about 330 positions at the site in Camden, bringing the total jobs there to about 1,600. It said the move will drive greater creativity, collaboration, and career development at the company. The jobs are moving from a Snyder's-Lance plant in Charlotte, N.C., and the Pepperidge Farm headquarters in Norwalk, Conn. — Associated Press

CRYPTOCURRENCY

BANKMAN-FRIED CONTINUES TO INSIST FTX IS SOLVENT

Sam Bankman-Fried, the fallen crypto entrepreneur who faces trial in the United States on fraud charges, reiterated his claim that the FTX US crypto exchange "was and is solvent." In a statement on Substack on Tuesday, he said that FTX US likely has "hundreds of millions of dollars in excess of customer balances." The 30-year-old also referenced the Substack post on his Twitter account. FTX debtors as part of the exchange's bankruptcy process said earlier Tuesday "there is a substantial shortfall of digital assets at both" FTX.com and FTX US. Bankman-Fried in his more than 1,000-word statement argued they had made a mistake in their tally of assets. — Bloomberg News

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Meta is among companies with a prominent presence at Davos despite recent layoffs.

In Davos, crypto leaders pushing for redemption

Some say sector is still 'durable'

By Abha Bhattarai
WASHINGTON POST

DAVOS, Switzerland — As the World Economic Forum's annual billionaire- and braggadocio-filled gathering kicked off this week, a redemption party was in full swing down the road. Crowds had spilled onto a red carpet outside a whiskey tasting at the "Blockchain Hub."

"Restoring trust in digital assets," a sign outside read.

The whiskey had its work cut out for it.

After a year of massive losses, arrests, and unfolding legal troubles, many of the world's largest cryptocurrency and blockchain companies are back in Davos this year, hoping to shore up — or resuscitate, if necessary — the industry's image and attract new investors.

The yearly gathering of the world elite — known for its concentration of billionaires, bankers, and heads of state — has become an unlikely destination for an industry that has long pitched itself as an alternative to traditional banking, beyond the reach of government and financial institutions. And while some key players — including Tether, a crypto giant that passed out free pizza at last year's conference — are missing this week, many others are doubling down on their presence here, both on official panels and at private shops, yoga studios, and churches that they've converted into promotional event spaces for the week.

"We're coming in with guns blazing," said Dante Disparte, chief strategy officer for Circle, a digital currency and payments company. He added, "2022 was crypto's dot-com-bust moment. Now we're bringing in key executives and putting on a lot of content that shows that the technology is here to stay. It's durable. It's a crucial part of modernizing the global financial system. This is an agenda-setting moment that matters."

The company, which issues a widely used cryptocurrency pegged to the US dollar, has doubled its investments in Davos this year, with two storefronts on the main drag and more than a dozen employees. Like many of its peers, Circle is focusing on topics like trust and responsibility this year, calling this a period of "great reset" for crypto.

That reset comes on the heels of a turbulent year for the industry. Cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin have lost more than half their value in the past year. Entire firms have collapsed — most notably, the $32 billion cryptocurrency exchange FTX, whose spectacular implosion in November landed its founder in jail and raised larger questions about the industry's long-term survival.

The value of bitcoin fell sharply last year, dropping from more than $45,000 in March to around $16,000 in November. But it has staged a bit of a revival in recent days and was trading above $21,000 this week, giving its proponents a burst of optimism.

At the same time, government regulators are beginning to comb through the industry with new urgency, issuing fines and subpoenas.

As a result, many blockchain companies, which provide information-storing technology to power the crypto market, are focusing on more neutral topics, such as sustainability and innovation. Circle's building is emblazoned with the tagline: "Solving real world problems." Hedera, which has a token that has lost 80 percent of its value in the last year, is billing itself as "the greenest blockchain."

"In the wake of FTX, we have a real opportunity," said Nilmini Rubin, Hedera's head of global policy. "You're seeing the bad actors fall away and what you're left is the more stable, better governed crypto players. This is an opportunity to reclaim what crypto is and what it can be."

Still, some question the optics of spending heavily in Davos at a time when so many people, as well as pension funds and venture capital, have had their investments wiped out.

"When FTX collapsed, some of the biggest critiques of the industry were about its excesses: the excessive partying, the celebrity culture, the lavishness of the whole lifestyle," said Yesha Yadav, a law professor at Vanderbilt University whose work focuses on cryptocurrency and financial markets. "So, at this point, to be doubling down on those same things in Davos — it's a shocker."

The criticism, though, isn't limited to one industry. The annual gathering here has been a frequent target of critics who say it's tone-deaf and superficial, a place for the elite to debate lofty topics like global unity and climate change while taking little action. This year, the war in Ukraine and heightened fears of a global recession continued to dominate much of the conversation, both at official events and boozy afterparties.

Meanwhile, big-name regulars, including Amazon, Microsoft, and Facebook parent company Meta, continue to have a prominent presence here despite thousands of recent layoffs. Salesforce, which this month announced plans to cut about 8,000 jobs — or 10 percent of its workforce — has three storefronts, the most of any company, on the hallowed promenade. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Crypto's outsize presence in Davos began last year, when currencies like bitcoin and ethereum were flying high. The conference devoted two official panels to blockchain technology, and companies spent heavily on advertising and hobnobbing. Large billboards brandying buzzwords like "blockchain" and "Web3" filled the streets and took many longtime conference-goers by surprise.

This year, that presence is even bigger: There are seven blockchain sessions on the official program, including panels on regulation and digital tokens.

"This is an area we're spending a lot of time on," said Brynly Llyr, the World Economic Forum's head of blockchain and digital assets. "Crypto is not always an inviting topic, but we want to demystify it to show that what you see in the headlines is not what the technology is about."

Families adapt as electric bills surge upward

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often make large quantities of homemade soups and freeze leftovers.

Schick also asked his employer to allow him to work from home more often, so he can save money on gas. (He is still driving 70 miles round trip every workday.)

Other area residents have applied to energy assistance programs through organizations like Quincy Community Action Programs and Action for Boston Community Development.

"We have already received about 17,000 applications, which is close to 1,200 more than last year, so we've seen close to an 8 percent increase," Sharon Scott-Chandler, chief executive of ABCD, said.

QCAP in Quincy said it had a 50 percent increase in the number of new applications for heating assistance since December 2021. There has been an 88 percent increase since 2020, QCAP added.

Martha London, 67, from Malden, is one resident who applied for energy assistance with ABCD and was given up to $660 in benefits for the winter season starting in November.

"When I first started receiving fuel assistance, I noticed that my electric bills were lower than they normally were — like half," London said. "It's really a blessing."

London — who is also a member of Massachusetts Senior Action Council — said she is in a better position compared to other members when it comes to paying her utility bills. She notes that she doesn't have significant medical expenses compared to others.

"They're choosing between paying for heat or paying for prescriptions," London said.

Earlier in the fall, ABCD pushed the Legislature to include $10 million for heating assistance in the state's latest economic development bill. The US Department of Health and Human Services announced in November that it is providing $4.5 billion to subsidize home heating costs this winter and cover unpaid utility bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Massachusetts received nearly $159 million in grants.

> 'All of the pressures are coming together . . . and people's incomes have not kept pace with that.'
> SHARON SCOTT-CHANDLER
> *chief executive of ABCD*

While the state received more than it does in a typical winter, QCAP and ABCD say there are still not enough funds to assist with heating and electric bills.

And despite the number of applicants increasing, officials at QCAP and ABCD are concerned that not enough residents know about fuel subsidies — and that many think they are unqualified because they don't identify as low income.

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Garrett Schick said his family buys their groceries at Trader Joe's, in an effort to save money.

"We just want to encourage everyone who is struggling to find out whether or not they are eligible," Scott-Chandler said.

She added that it is a critical time for low-income households, because dealing with higher heating costs is "incredibly taxing and challenging."

"All of the pressures are coming together because of the hikes in utilities, because the cost of inflation is so high, because rent is at an all-time high, because basic necessities are at an all-time high right now," Scott-Chandler said. "And people's incomes have not kept pace with that."

Franklin resident Paul Fischer, 62, saw his National Grid bill increase from roughly $120 to $270 in the last two months. He and his partner decided to switch to Dynegy, a local energy company, which he said charges a third of what National Grid charges.

"I have always been happy with National Grid, and I wasn't interested in switching to a different provider," Fischer said. "Obviously, after I saw this humongous unannounced increase from one month to the other, immediately, I explored one supplier option we had."

Several residents said National Grid's reasons for raising prices weren't convincing. Although London said fuel assistance has made paying for utility bills easier, she doesn't believe utility companies should be allowed to make significant price changes.

"I don't care what their reasons are," London said. "They're CEOs and shareholders who are making tons of money. I'd like to see some price controls, but I don't expect to see that happen."

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Rise in wholesale prices slows to 6.2% in December

By Christopher Rugaber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices in the United States rose 6.2 percent in December from a year earlier, a sixth straight slowdown and a hopeful sign that inflation pressures will continue to cool.

The latest year-over-year figure was down from 7.3 percent in November and from a recent peak of 11.7 percent in March. On a monthly basis, the government said Wednesday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, dropped 0.5 percent from November to December.

The producer price data can provide an early sign of where consumer inflation might be headed. The data reflects the prices that are charged by manufacturers, farmers, and wholesalers, and it flows into an inflation gauge that the Federal Reserve closely tracks, the personal consumption expenditures price index.

> Rising evidence shows that inflation across the economy is easing.

The ongoing slowdown in wholesale price growth is adding to evidence that the worst bout of inflation in four decades is steadily easing, though it remains far above the Federal Reserve's target of 2 percent.

Last month's drop was led by gas prices, which sank 13.4 percent from November to December. Gas prices averaged $3.36 a gallon Wednesday, according to AAA, down from a peak of $5 a gallon in mid-June.

Food prices fell by a sharp 1.2 percent, led by fruits, vegetables, and chicken. One exception was egg prices. Driven up in part by a wave of avian flu, egg prices soared 25 percent just from November to December.

Excluding volatile energy and food costs, so-called core producer prices rose only 0.1 percent from November to December. Measured year over year, core prices increased 5.5 percent in December, compared with 6.2 percent in November.

"The big picture is one of rapid disinflation, with much more to come," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Producer prices in the nation's vast service sector — everything from restaurants and hotels to airlines and entertainment venues — ticked up just 0.1 percent from November to December, the smallest such increase since last April. The Fed has been monitoring this area of the economy in particular as it assesses its progress in combating high inflation.

But rising evidence shows that inflation across the economy is easing after having reached a four-decade peak last summer. At the consumer level, inflation also cooled in December for a sixth straight month to 6.5 percent compared with a year earlier, from 7.1 percent in November.

An acceleration in workers' wages has been slowing, too, which could further help control inflation. In December, average wage growth in the United States was up 4.6 percent from 12 months earlier, compared with a recent peak of 5.6 percent in March.

Over the past year, the Fed has rapidly raised its key interest rate in an aggressive drive to cool borrowing and spending and tame inflation, which began surging more than a year and a half ago.

The Fed's rate hikes have, in turn, led to higher borrowing costs for consumers and businesses. The average mortgage rate is still nearly twice its level a year ago, though it has dipped in recent weeks. Loan costs for auto purchases, credit cards, and a range of business borrowing are up sharply, too.

Even as overall inflation gradually slows, costs continue to surge in some pockets of the economy. Particularly in the service sector, wage growth is still contributing to broader inflation pressures.

Musk depicted as liar, visionary in tweet trial

By Michael Liedtke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Elon Musk was depicted Wednesday as either a liar who callously jeopardized the savings of "regular people" or a well-intentioned visionary as attorneys delivered opening statements at a trial focused on a Tesla buyout that never happened.

Lawyers on opposing sides drew the starkly different portraits of Musk for a nine-person jury that will hear the three-week trial, which is focused on two August 2018 tweets that the billionaire posted on the Twitter service that he now owns.

The tweets indicated that Musk had lined up the financing to take Tesla private at a time when the automaker's stock was slumping amid production problems.

The prospect of what would have been a $72 billion buyout fueled a rally in the company's stock price that abruptly ended a week later after it became apparent that he did not have the funding to pull off the deal after all. Tesla shareholders then sued him, saying that Tesla shares would not have swung so widely in value if he had not dangled the prospect of buying the company for $420 per share.

Nicholas Porritt, a lawyer representing Glen Littleton and other Tesla shareholders in the class-action case, promptly vilified Musk as he addressed jurors.

"Why are we here?" Porritt asked. "We are here because Elon Musk, chairman and chief executive of Tesla, lied. His lies caused regular people like Glen Littleton to lose millions and millions of dollars." He also asserted that Musk's tweet also hurt pension funds and other organizations that owned Tesla stock at the time.

Musk's lawyer, Alex Spiro, countered that the run-up in Tesla's stock after the tweet mostly reflected investors' belief in Musk's ability to pull off stunning feats, including building the world's largest electric automaker while also running SpaceX, a maker of rocket ships.

"Mr. Musk tries to do things that have never been done before. Everyone knows that," Spiro told the jury.

Spiro added that Musk had been in advanced talks with representatives from Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund to take Tesla private.

"He didn't plan to tweet this," Spiro said of Musk's Aug. 7, 2018, statement at the heart of the trial. "It was a split-second decision" aimed at being as transparent as possible about the discussions with the Saudi fund about a potential deal.

After saying "funding secured" for the buyout, Musk then followed up with another tweet that suggested a deal was imminent.

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Legal aides moved boxes of material as they arrived for the Elon Musk shareholder lawsuit trial at the Phillip Burton Federal Building on Wednesday in San Francisco.

Musk's tweets attracted the attention of securities regulators, who concluded that they were improper and that he was lying. In a settlement, they forced him to pay $40 million and required him to step down as Tesla chairman. US District Judge Edward Chen, who is presiding over the trial, ruled that the shareholders lawyers can't mention that settlement in the case.

But Chen has already ruled that Musk's tweet was false, a finding that can be alluded to during the trial without specifically mentioning the determination made by the judge.

The trial's outcome may turn on the jury's interpretation of Musk's motive for the tweets. And Musk will have his chance to make his case to the jury. He is on the witness list for both sides of the case, and could appear on the stand before the end of the week.

Twitter auctioning office equipment, coffee machines

By Adela Suliman
WASHINGTON POST

Elon Musk bought Twitter, a social media behemoth, for $44 billion in October. Now, after a turbulent few months as the billionaire makes cuts to the company, Twitter is selling off small items from its San Francisco offices — including espresso machines, phones, and desks — in an auction.

Now you, too, can have a piece of Twitter's offices. There's a comfy-looking leather sling lounge chair with bidding at about $1,450 as of Wednesday morning. Also: a slick semi-auto espresso machine for $4,700 and a large neon sign depicting the blue Twitter bird logo — yours for about $23,000.

Some 631 lots of "surplus corporate office assets" are up for sale, organized by auction firm Heritage Global Partners, including the whiteboards and projectors from Twitter's downtown Market Street headquarters. There's a conference phone for $225 and a rolling stand for $150.

Users on the social media site appeared bemused by the strategy. "Twitter is having a #YardSale," wrote one individual.

A former Twitter product chief, Kevin Weil, wrote that it was "wild to see the Twitter office on auction." He added: "Great memories from a different era."

"If you're feeling unaccountably rich this morning, you may want to browse this ongoing auction of furniture from the Twitter offices," another user tweeted.

Twitter and Musk, its outspoken CEO, have not commented publicly on the sale, but the company has been slashing costs and cutting staff numbers as it grapples with its finances.

Since Musk purchased the platform, which allows people across the world to share their thoughts in posts up to 280 characters, he has cut half the company's 7,500-member staff and driven away some advertisers, in part because of a rise in hate speech and misinformation on the site.

"Twitter has had a massive drop in revenue, due to activist groups pressuring advertisers," Musk tweeted in November. "Extremely messed up!"

During a Twitter audio chat in December, he cited the company's precarious financial position as a driver of his aggressive job cuts and drastic actions, stating: "We have an emergency fire drill on our hands." A few days later, Musk said the company still had much work to do. "Twitter isn't secure yet, just not in the fast lane to bankruptcy," he tweeted.

Musk has also come up with ideas he says could generate revenue, such as charging for verification and subscription plans.

Some media reports have said Twitter stopped paying rent at a handful of its US and overseas offices. The company, which has laid off the majority of its communications staff, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Since taking over Twitter, Musk's personal wealth has plummeted. This month, he was recognized by Guinness World Records for sustaining the "worst loss of fortune in history" -- shedding about $200 billion in net worth over one year.

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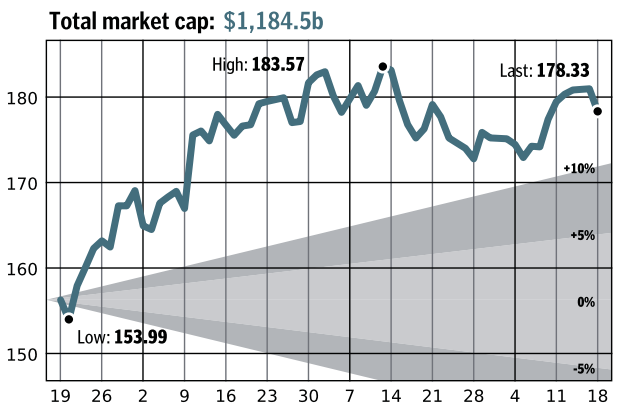

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TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	79.81	-1.74	-2.1	92.2
General Electric (GE)	79.27	-1.22	-1.5	86.6
Analog Devices (ADI)	166.00	-0.91	-0.5	84.5
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	309.86	-2.12	-0.7	79.5
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	197.02	+6.33	+3.3	75.7
Boston Scientific (BSX)	45.09	-0.95	-2.1	64.6
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Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	231.81	-1.92	-0.8	28.5
Eversource (ES)	81.21	-2.52	-3.0	28.3
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Waters Corp (WAT)	328.89	-3.36	-1.0	19.5
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	78.92	-0.54	-0.7	19.4
LPL Financial (LPLA)	229.89	-2.90	-1.2	18.3
PerkinElmer Inc (PKI)	132.57	+0.09	+0.1	16.7
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	318.42	-3.45	-1.1	15.5
PTC (PTC)	129.38	-0.85	-0.7	15.3
Iron Mountain (IRM)	52.07	-0.25	-0.5	15.1
Teradyne Inc (TER)	95.91	-0.73	-0.8	14.9
Akamai (AKAM)	87.80	-1.08	-1.2	13.8
Charles River Labs (CRL)	234.53	-2.00	-0.8	11.9
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	128.75	-1.25	-1.0	11.3

Markets

Stocks pull back on US reports

Wall Street had its biggest pullback of the year Wednesday after a broad slide for stocks wiped out much of the benchmark S&P 500 index's gains from last week. The selling came as new economic data showed that even as inflation continues to cool, the economy is slowing, heightening worries about the possibility of a recession. Meanwhile, a key Federal Reserve policymaker said interest rates need to go higher than the central bank has previously signaled. The government reported that Americans cut back on their spending at retailers more than anticipated last month, the second straight decline. Separately, the Federal Reserve said US industrial production, which covers manufacturing, mining and utilities, fell in December much more than economists had expected. The government also reported more encouraging inflation data. Wholesale prices rose 6.2% in December from a year earlier, a sixth straight slowdown for the measure of prices before they are passed along to consumers. "The appearances are that it looks like something is moving inflation and retail sales in the right direction, which is to say softer," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager at Globalt Investments. "The question is, what does it really mean?"

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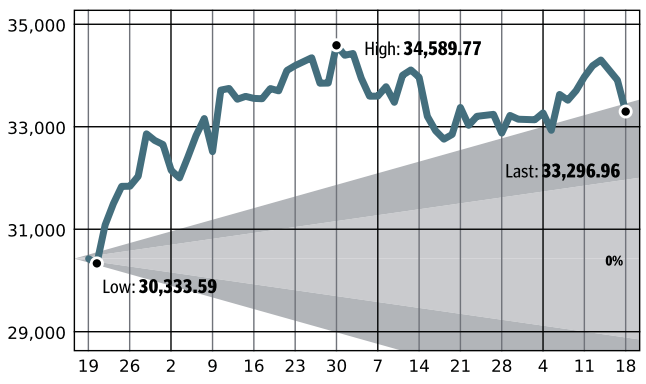

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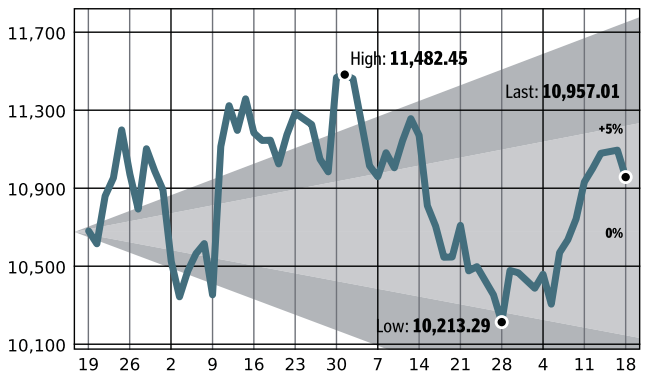

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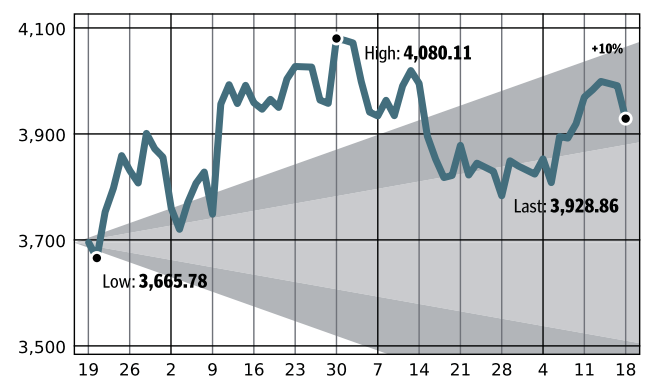

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SOURCE: Bloomberg News

Healey gets big ask: Tackle taxes

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"Clearly, we were disappointed it never got over the finish line," said Christopher Carlozzi, state director with the National Federation of Independent Business.

Healey has said she understands the urgency but so far has given few specifics. All a spokeswoman would say is that the new administration is looking forward to "working together with the Legislature on efforts to make Massachusetts more affordable and support seniors, working families, and small business owners during these challenging economic times."

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Business lobbyists are eager for changes to the estate tax, in particular, because it can be an important factor when wealthy individuals and business owners decide which state they will call home. In Massachusetts, the tax currently kicks in for estates worth $1 million or more, for the entire value of an estate. Baker's proposal would have pushed that threshold to $2 million, and only the value above $2 million would be taxed. Massachusetts is a big outlier: Only one other state, Oregon, has a threshold as low as $1 million — and estates there are only taxed on the value above that point.

With the millionaires tax vote, aka Question 1, the business community was outmaneuvered and outspent by teachers unions and their allies among community advocacy groups. Starting this year, the measure imposes a 4-percentage point surcharge on the state's income tax rate, currently 5 percent, for household earnings above $1 million. Anecdotes are starting to circulate about high earners changing their residency as a result. It will be some time before we have data to back that up, but business leaders are already worrying about the message the surcharge sends.

The pro-business Tax Foundation think tank in Washington put Massachusetts in 34th place — firmly middle of the road — in its latest ranking of state tax climates last week. But that calculation was based on state policies as of July. Had the "millionaires tax" been in place then, Massachusetts would have been 46th, a statistic that inevitably will be raised in tax reform arguments.

"We need to take a step back and think, how are we going to compete with other states that are frankly more aggressive and playing the game differently?" said Jim Rooney, chief executive of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Another stat that's sure to come up: Massachusetts is already among the top states for population loss during the COVID-19 pandemic, even before the millionaires tax took effect.

"Particularly with Question 1 passing, how do you not do the estate tax?" said Retailers Association of Massachusetts president Jon Hurst, who said two-thirds of his group's members plan to sell their business or retire within the next decade. "It would be two shots to the gut if you do Question 1 and you don't pass the estate tax."

With regard to Question 1, Rooney said maybe Healey should "take a hard look" at the possibility of exceptions to shield so-called one-time millionaires — people whose sales of a business or property cause them to earn more than $1 million in one year.

Associated Industries of Massachusetts is pushing for a suite of reforms. One such proposal, to lower the income tax rate across the board, would help offset Question 1 s impact. AIM executive vice president Brooke Thomson said the group's legislative agenda is designed to improve the state's "economic health," with policies that deter relocations and help businesses that can't move. Thomson said she was encouraged that Healey made it clear, during her inaugural speech on Jan. 5, that she is listening to the business community.

Some pro-business reforms could be a tough sell in the Democratic-controlled Legislature, which has voted overwhelmingly for enshrining the income-tax surcharge in the state constitution.

A spokesman for the Fair Share Massachusetts coalition, the force behind that constitutional amendment, said that, for the first time in its history, Massachusetts has a "fairer tax system that asks more from those at the top." The coalition, he said, would fight any effort to weaken the surcharge.

Phineas Baxandall, policy director at the left-leaning Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, said concerns about the surcharge are overblown. Proceeds are slated for public education and transportation; Baxandall notes that businesses will benefit from increased public investments in both areas.

He said he's skeptical about a significant exodus, especially with the rates for the highest brackets in California and New York still far exceeding the one in Massachusetts.

"Unless those get cut in half, I don't think we need to wring our hands about tax competitiveness," Baxandall said.

But Chris Anderson, president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, said a "rapid outmigration of Massachusetts business leaders, high wealth individuals, and job creators" is already underway, particularly to states such as Florida and New Hampshire that have no income tax at all.

Anderson said Healey needs to be sensitive to the likelihood of another recession this year. He suggested the possibility of removing the surcharge from the constitution should be seriously considered. The yearslong process would require the approval of the Legislature — not to mention another statewide vote, no sooner than 2026.

"Massachusetts is the only state going into this recession with the added burden of a ... 'Taxachusetts policy,' " Anderson said. "There's only one way to recover from that, to try to figure out how to remove this from the constitution."

That sure sounds like a long shot today. But the fact it's even being discussed shows how intensely the business community is watching Beacon Hill right now, waiting for some form of tax relief.

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New year brings a string of layoffs in tech

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"Given that the majority of our spending is on people, we unfortunately could not manage our expenses far enough down without reducing our headcount," Musslewhite wrote in an e-mail to employees.

Reese Mozer, the CEO of American Robotics, sent a similar message to employees last week.

"We've had to make some extremely difficult decisions over the past couple weeks," he wrote in an e-mail to laid-off workers obtained by the Globe. "Under different market conditions, you would remain."

American Robotics's owner Ondas Holdings, which is buying another drone company, Airobotics, said last week that it is speeding up the integration of those firms. In a statement to the Globe, Ondas CEO Eric Brock cited the economic climate and need to generate revenue.

Layoffs in 2023 shouldn't come as a surprise, given the pullback in investments at the end of last year. Greg Raiz, the former managing director of Techstars Boston, said many firms are planning to "tighten their belts and plan for slower, more measured growth."

"There's a general mix of uncertainty of the economy and the excitement of starting a new year," he said, adding that so far, local layoffs feel like the "regular drum beat of companies growing and shrinking."

The good news is that plenty of tech companies are still hiring, looking to scoop up available tech workers. Boston VC firm NextView Ventures, as previously reported, is scouting teams of laid-off tech workers to lead the next wave of startups.

"We haven't seen much of a dip locally on the demand side for the most sought-after talent," Chang said. "I'm personally having difficulty staying on top of the C-level searches on my own radar."

'This year will likely be choppy'

DAVID CHANG, *general manager of recruiting startup Hunt Club, on layoffs*

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Microsoft is set to lay off 10,000 workers

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few years of frenetic hiring, when the pandemic-fueled surge in online services and the expansion of cloud computing created fierce competition for tech talent.

Microsoft and its peers responded to booming customer demand and the talent race by essentially hoarding technical staff. "The reality is you can adjust hiring very quickly, and that is what is going on," said Brad R. Reback, an analyst at the investment bank Stifel. "I don't think this is symptomatic of a bigger issue. This is more along the lines of a normalization."

In its latest quarter, Microsoft had $50 billion in sales that produced $17.6 billion in profit.

Nadella said in a message to staff that the layoffs "are the kinds of hard choices we have made throughout our 47-year history to remain a consequential company in this industry that is unforgiving to anyone who doesn't adapt to platform shifts."

The layoffs, which were to begin Wednesday and continue through March, are the company's largest in roughly eight years. Nadella cut about 25,000 jobs over the course of 2014 and 2015 as Microsoft abandoned its ill-fated acquisition of the mobile phone maker Nokia.

Like other tech companies, Microsoft expanded rapidly during the pandemic, hiring more than 75,000 people since 2019. Microsoft's annual revenue grew 58 percent over three years, but rising interest rates and the prospect of a recession have tempered the company's outlook. In the quarter that ended in October, it reported its slowest growth in five years and warned that more tepid results could follow.

Customers are seeking "to do more with less," Nadella said. "We're also seeing organizations in every industry and geography exercise caution as some parts of the world are in a recession and other parts are anticipating one," he added.

The changes, including severance and other restructuring expenses, will cost $1.2 billion, Nadella said. In a regulatory filing, Microsoft said some of the costs would come from consolidating office leases, as well as "changes to our hardware portfolio." Microsoft makes the Surface line of laptops and tablets, and demand for personal computers has fallen sharply from the pandemic highs.

SAUL LOEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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Microsoft is scheduled to report its quarterly earnings Tuesday.

Nadella said the company would continue to hire in strategic areas, and called advances in artificial intelligence "the next major wave of computing."

DILBERT by Scott Adams

TINA, I NO LONGER NEED A TECHNICAL WRITER BECAUSE A.I. CAN DO ALL OF THAT NONSENSE.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
DID YOU JUST FIRE ME WHILE ALSO DIMINISHING MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMPANY?
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HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF A CONVERSATION I WILL NEVER NEED TO HAVE WITH AN A.I.

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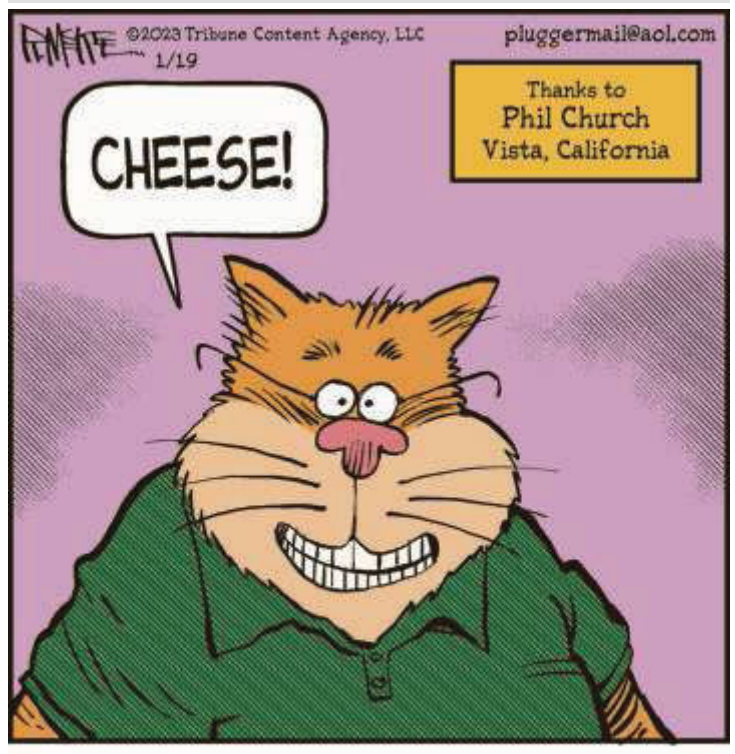

When a plugger says he has a new set of choppers, he doesn't mean motorcycles.

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau

THE THING ABOUT REUNIONS, MIKE, IS THEY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SORTING OUT YOUR PRIORITIES...
I MEAN, I FOUNDED A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY, BUT I'M NOT HERE TO RUB ANYONE'S FACE IN IT, EVEN THOUGH I DID IT BEFORE I WAS 30!
LIFE ISN'T A COMPETITION, IT'S A JOURNEY. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE GOOD STUFF—THINGS LIKE HOME AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY!
TRUE. I'VE GOT A LITTLE GIRL... I'VE GOT FOUR—ALL HEADED FOR HARVARD!

DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

I GUESS YOU THINK I'M BEING STUPID.
I'VE MADE A RESOLUTION NOT TO SAY ANYTHING MEAN TO YOU.
WELL, I STILL WANT YOU TO BE HONEST WITH ME.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, I'M ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA.

RED & ROVER by Brian Basset

ARCTIC CIRCLE by Alex Hallatt

NICE DRESS...
I JUST BOUGHT IT AT A VERY EXPENSIVE VINTAGE STORE.
HUH.
1-19
IT HAS THE SAME STAIN AS THE ONE I MADE WHEN I SPILLED RED WINE ON YOURS.
THE '90s HAD GREAT PARTIES.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

BUTTON IN MY MOUF! BUTTON IN MY MOUF! AYPO GOTS A BUTTON IN MY MOUF!
BUTTON ON MY TUM! BUTTON ON MY TUM! AYPO GOTS A BUTTON ON MY TUM!
HUM, HUM, HUM-BUTTON ON MY TUM! HUM, HUM HUM...
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GULP!

CURTIS by Ray Billingsley

WHY SHOULD I HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITIES? I'M ONLY ELEVEN!
I HAD RESPONSIBILITIES AT AN EARLIER AGE THAN YOU ARE NOW, CURTIS!
HOW OLD DO YOU THINK A PERSON HAS TO BE BEFORE HE ACCEPTS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY?
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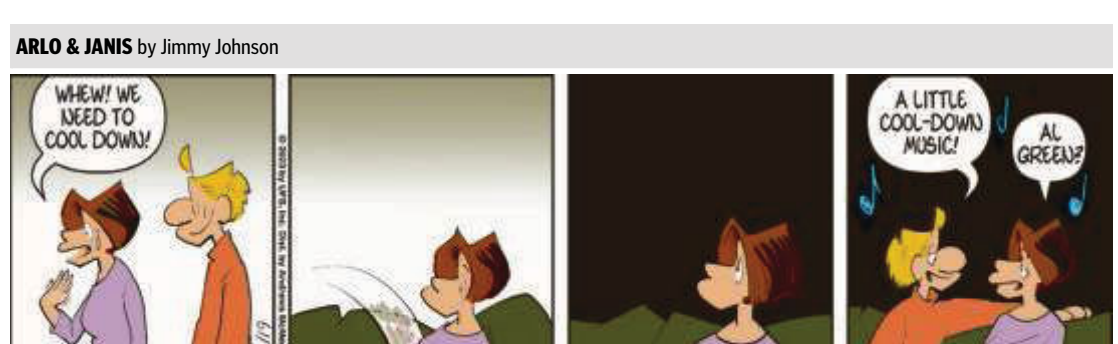
RIGHT AFTER YOU'VE BURNED THROUGH YOUR INHERITANCE!

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary Price

ARLO & JANIS by Jimmy Johnson



UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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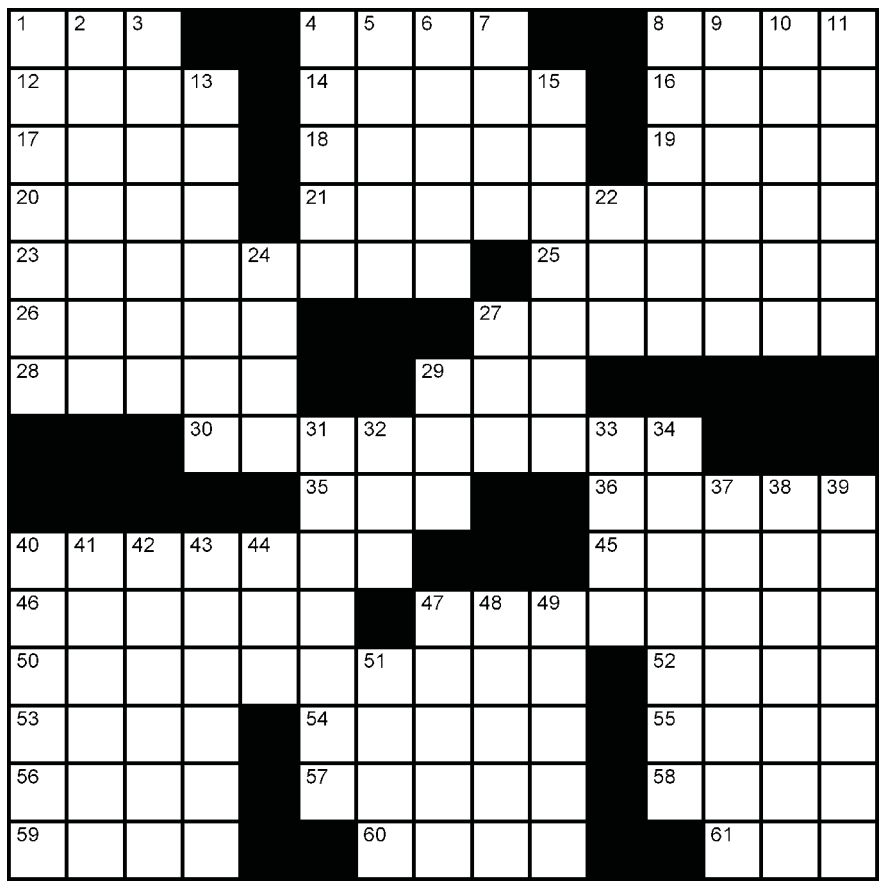
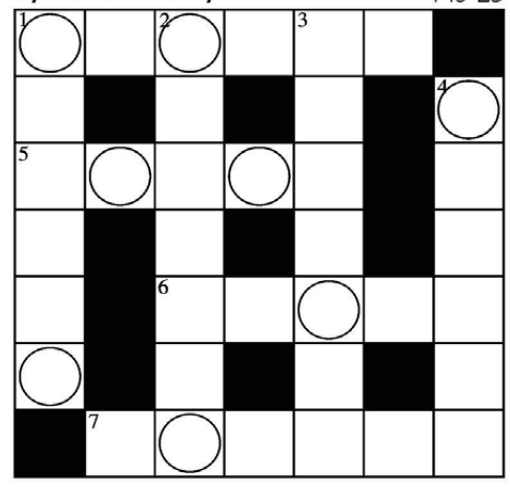


ACROSS

1 Pal
4 Short snoozes
8 Frequently caught "Animal Crossing" fish
12 "___ your pardon?"
14 "... though there may not even be one"
16 Back of a boot
17 Jules Verne's submarine captain
18 "It's true!"
19 Tolstoy's "___ Karenina"
20 Eins, zwei, ___ ...
21 *Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum film (2012)
23 Reasons to resign
25 Dark period?
26 Argentine dance
27 *Katherine Heigl and James Marsden film (2008)
28 Director Welles
29 Outer part of a Whopper
30 Places where things are often breaking?
35 Taylor Swift's "___ Song"
36 Washington, but not Lincoln
40 Fuzzy Antarctic newborn
45 Kind of numerals made from letters
46 NFL running back Peterson
47 "You gotta speed up!"
50 *Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler film (2004)
52 Mark for removal, to a proofreader
53 Fighting
54 Be real
55 Person with a login
56 Judge's garment
57 Al ___ (cooked but still firm)
58 Holiday candle scent
59 Country on the Caspian Sea
60 Terrier type named for a Scottish isle
61 Calculate a sum

DOWN

1 Makes a connection with, in chemistry
2 Modern taxicab
3 Takes down a peg
4 Stealthy mercenary of feudal Japan
5 Run ___ of the law
6 Fortunetellers might read them
7 Salon sound
8 Sea captain's maps
9 Trojan War hero
10 Go back on a promise
11 Arranges on a dish
13 *Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo film (2004)*
15 "Well, what's your decision?!"
22 Election Day's day: Abbr.
24 Fully cooked
27 The Everly Brothers, e.g.
29 "It's cold in here!"
31 Injured
32 "How's it hangin'?"
33 Dealership sticker abbr.
34 Didn't show up to dinner with, maybe
37 Memory loss
38 Last bit
39 Became a contestant
40 Trip that means "journey" in Swahili
41 Person who might make a long story short
42 Excited Spanish exclamation
43 Lend an ear
44 Bit of butter
47 Be super smelly
48 On a short fuse, say
49 Lauder of cosmetics
51 Good fellers?



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ trails	GKINIH
5. Large house	NRAOM
6. Continous noise	NDOER
7. Entertained	EADMSU

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Unattractive	HLOMYE
2. Plant ___	DNKMOIG
3. Anxious	NRUEOSV
4. Concurred	EAGDER

CLUE: This Japanese city's name means "horizontal beach."

BONUS

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Hiking 5A-Manor 6A-Drone 7A-Amused 1D-Homely 2D-Kingdom 3D-Nervous 4D-Agreed 5-Yokohama
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Boston's forecast

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TODAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **39-44** LOW **34-39**
Increasing cloudiness; rain or drizzle will begin late in the afternoon. Breezy with a steady, soaking rain at night; wet snow north and west.

FRIDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **37-42** LOW **28-33**
Cloudy and breezy with a mix of rain and wet snow becoming all snow. Snow accumulating an inch or so, with more north and west of Boston.

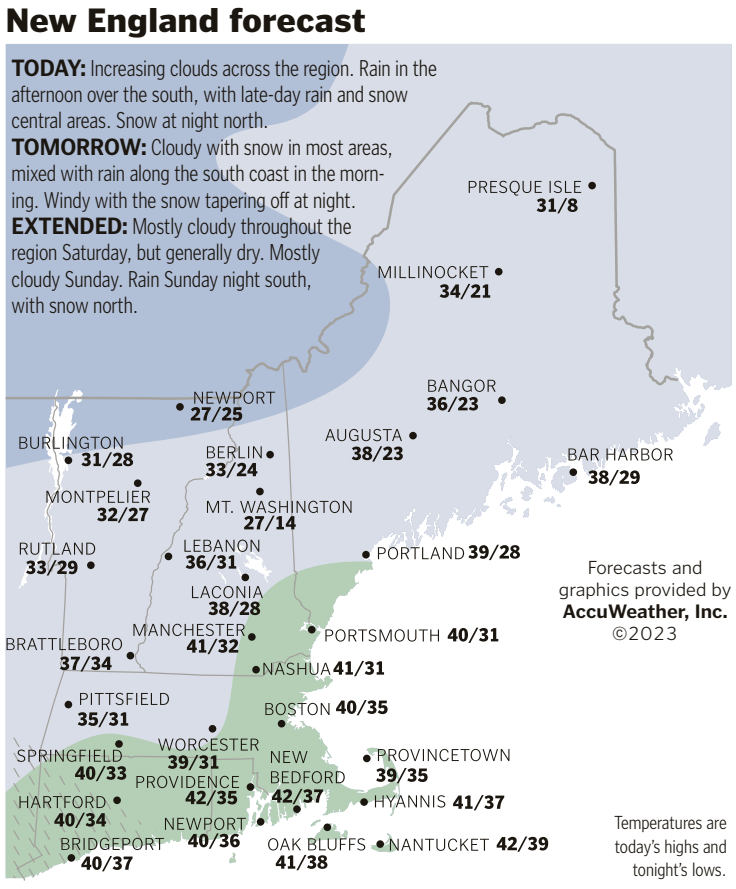
SATURDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **34-39** LOW **26-31**
Considerable cloudiness; a dry, but chilly start to the weekend. Turning out partly cloudy at night with a northwest wind at less than 5 mph.

SUNDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **38-43** LOW **36-41**
Becoming cloudy and not as chilly as recent days. Cloudy and increasingly windy at night, with rain developing and becoming heavy. Snow to the north.

MONDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **46-51** LOW **29-34**
Rain for a while in the morning, then staying cloudy. Windy, but milder. Clearing, windy and becoming a little bit colder during the night.

New England forecast

TODAY: Increasing clouds across the region. Rain in the afternoon over the south, with late-day rain and snow central areas. Snow at night north.
TOMORROW: Cloudy with snow in most areas, mixed with rain along the south coast in the morning. Windy with the snow tapering off at night.
EXTENDED: Mostly cloudy throughout the region Saturday, but generally dry. Mostly cloudy Sunday. Rain Sunday night south, with snow north.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	52°/40°
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	4:41 p.m.
Moonrise	5:16 a.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Dense fog
Visibility	1/16 of a mile
Wind	northwest at 61 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	25/16
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	11.0"

Boston snowfall (5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.0"
Total for January	3.9"
Normal for January	12.9"
Season total	4.9"
Season normal	49.2"

Degree days

	Heat
Yesterday	19
Monthly total	471
Normal to date	624
Season total (normal)	2118 (2543)
Last year to date	2213

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.04"	Month to date	1.99"	Year to date	1.99"
Precip days in January	15	Norm. month to date	2.05"	Norm. year to date	2.05"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	8:20	9:05
Height	10.5	8.9
Boston low	2:07	2:55
Height	0.8	-0.4
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	8:09	8:56
Hampton Beach NH	8:23	9:10
Plum Island	8:46	9:26
Ipswich	8:08	8:55

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	8:20	9:05
Marblehead	8:20	9:05
Lynn	8:28	9:15
Scituate	8:29	9:13
Plymouth	8:38	9:18
Cape Cod Canal East	8:18	9:01
Cape Cod Canal West	7:17	
Falmouth	8:04	8:49

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	9:14	10:06
Chatham	9:07	10:01
Wellfleet	8:34	9:19
Provincetown	8:24	9:08
Nantucket Harbor	9:18	10:10
Oak Bluffs	9:09	9:36
New Bedford	5:17	5:44
Newport RI	5:10	5:37

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory
Gale warning Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	W 5-10 kts.	1-2 ft.	41/36
East Cape Cod Canal	NW 6-12 kts.	1-2 ft.	41/36
Buzzards Bay	NW 5-10 kts.	1-2 ft.	41/36
Martha's Vineyard	NW 5-10 kts.	1-2 ft.	42/38
Nantucket	NW 7-14 kts.	2-4 ft.	42/39
Provincetown	NW 6-12 kts.	2-4 ft.	40/36

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Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
Atlanta	69/41	T	57/36	Pc
● Atlantic City	51/44	R	51/33	C
● Charlotte	67/42	C	59/33	S
● Chicago	44/31	Sn	35/25	C
Dallas	60/39	S	61/43	Pc
Denver	31/13	C	22/14	C
● Detroit	50/33	R	37/28	C
Fort Myers	81/66	Pc	83/64	C

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	59/41	C	61/42	S
Miami	82/66	S	83/67	C
New Orleans	72/51	T	60/51	Pc
● New York City	43/40	R	47/35	C
● Philadelphia	46/43	R	50/34	C
Phoenix	60/43	S	57/38	Pc
● Salt Lake City	36/26	Sn	38/18	Sn
San Francisco	57/43	Pc	56/41	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	45/37	C	48/38	C
● Washington	50/45	R	52/36	Pc
● Beijing	41/10	Pc	32/9	Pc
● Cancun	82/75	Sh	83/72	Sh
Mexico City	79/45	Pc	79/45	Pc
Montreal	27/23	C	28/14	Sn
● Toronto	37/32	I	36/28	Sn
Vancouver	44/37	C	46/39	C

	Today		Tomorrow	
Jerusalem	61/42	S	63/44	S
London	41/31	Pc	43/30	Pc
● Moscow	40/36	Sn	41/30	R
● Paris	40/30	Sn	42/34	Pc
● Rome	53/36	R	49/39	Pc
San Juan	84/71	Pc	83/71	Pc
Stockholm	32/26	C	34/25	C
Tokyo	51/42	Pc	55/40	S

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023:
You are hardworking, caring, and kind. You're also determined. You have a strong personality that makes an impact on others. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of anything that is standing in your way. Clear the decks.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
This is a positive day for you, especially when dealing with parents, bosses, or VIPs. (After the Moon Alert.) From then on, you can ask for favors, permission, or approval, because you just might get it. You will be effective running meetings and groups today. Tonight: You shine!
TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
After the Moon Alert is over today, don't hesitate to make ambitious travel plans for the future. You also might explore opportunities in publishing, the media, or anything related to communications, as well as medicine and the law. You're pumped! Tonight: Explore!
GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Wait until the Moon Alert is over to make important financial decisions related to inheritances, insurance issues, or anything that you share jointly with someone else. Whatever happens will likely tilt in your favor because the gods are with you today! Tonight: Check your finances.
CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
Relations with partners and close friends are warm and mutually supportive today. Enjoy schmoozing with others, including members of the general public. Make a date to take your main squeeze out for a fun time. Or perhaps you will hit the town with your bestie. Tonight: Socialize.
LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Work-related travel is likely for many of you today, especially later in the day. You will also be successful dealing with groups, clubs, and professional associations, especially after the Moon Alert. People will help you today. Please note: Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you act. Tonight: Get organized.
VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
After the Moon Alert today, it's the perfect time to socialize with others. It's a great date day. You will also enjoy playful activities with kids, as well as social diversions and fun outings with friends. You might explore financial speculation. Tonight: Play!
LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
This is a lovely day to entertain at home, especially after the Moon Alert. You will enjoy the company of younger people as well as creative types. You might want to do home repairs or tackle home decorating projects today. Perhaps younger hands will help you get things done. Tonight: Cocoon.
SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Wait until the Moon Alert is over today before you decide to put some ambitious plans into action. You are enthusiastic about some big ideas today, that's for sure. You will also enjoy schmoozing with siblings, neighbors, and relatives, because everyone is upbeat and enthusiastic. Tonight: Conversations.
SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
Financial matters look good for you today after the Moon Alert is over. Look for ways to boost your income, because they do exist. Trust your moneymaking ideas. You also might explore dealing with other countries or people from different cultures. Tonight: Check your money.
CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
After the Moon Alert today, the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter, which will boost your optimism and enthusiasm. This is why you'll enjoy socializing with others today. You might enjoy shopping for wardrobe goodies for yourself. (Check the times of the Moon Alert.) Tonight: You win!
AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
This is a pleasant, easygoing day. In fact, as the day wears on, you will enjoy time alone in a private way, preferably with good food and drink. Some of you will enjoy this privacy with a secret lover because you want to be low key today. Tonight: Solitude.
PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and be involved in an interactive way with clubs, groups, and organizations. Your ability to do this will manifest after the Moon Alert today is over. You might especially enjoy hanging out with younger people or creative, artistic types. Tonight: Warm friendships.

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SUDOKU

				8	5			
	5	1	2				4	
				9	3		2	
4		2					9	
9		8				5		2
	3					6		4
	1		9	6				
	9				4	8	7	
			8	3				

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

West dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ A 10 6
♡ A Q J 5
♢ Q
♣ K 9 8 5 2

West
♠ K J 7
♡ 2
♢ K 10 6 2
♣ Q 10 7 6 3

East
♠ Q 8 5 4
♡ 8 7 3
♢ J 9 8 4 3
♣ A

South
♠ 9 3 2
♡ K 10 9 6 4
♢ A 7 5
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡
Pass	3 ♡	Pass	4 ♡
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♣ 6

I continue a series on suit establishment. I believe that many players focus on bidding, especially on conventions, and spend too little time on card-play technique.

In today's deal, dummy played low on the opening club lead, and East took the ace and shifted to a trump. South won in dummy, took the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, led a trump to his hand and ruffed his last diamond. But then he was stuck in dummy, and when he led the king of clubs, East ruffed. South also lost two spades and went down.

How would you play four hearts?

With apologies to mule lovers, there is more than one way to skin a mule — and more than one way to set up a suit. Here, South can rely on a loser-on-loser play. He draws trumps and leads the jack of clubs: queen, king. When East discards, South leads the nine of clubs and pitches a spade.

Then South can pitch another spade on the high eight of clubs. He ruffs one diamond in dummy, losing a diamond at the end plus two clubs.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ 9 3 2 ♡ K 10 9 6 4 ♢ A 7 5 ♣ J 4. The dealer, at your left, opens one diamond. Your partner doubles, you respond ("advance") one heart and he then bids one spade. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since your partner doubled for takeout before bidding his suit, he has substantial extra strength: at least 17 points. If your hand had been any stronger, you could have jumped to two hearts to invite game. Bid four spades.

ZIPPY "Hearing Things" by Bill Griffith

WHAT SOUND EFFECT DOES TH' BIG DUCK MAKE?
QUACK!
WHAT SOUND EFFECT DOES TH' BIG ROOSTER MAKE?
COCK-A DOODLE-DOO!
AND WHAT SOUND EFFECT DOES TH' BIG SHOE MAKE?
FLOR-SHEIM!!

ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell

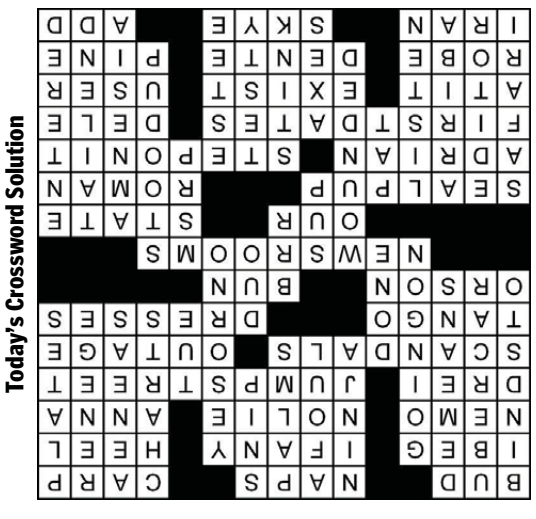
FANCY, I'M HAVING A TEA PARTY. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU'RE NOT INVITED.
IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU AND MY DAD ARE LIKE OIL AND WATER.
I HEARD THAT!
SICK BURN, FANCY. BUT YOU'RE NOT HELPING YOUR CASE.

BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro

ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

Today's Crossword Solution



Today's Sudoku Solution

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4	8	6	9	2	7	5	3	1
2	3	5	1	4	6	9	8	7
7	9	1	5	8	3	2	6	4
5	2	7	3	9	1	4	8	6
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